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JAPAN'S REPLY INSISTS PANAY ATTACK WAS UNINTENTIONAL

"It Has Been Fully Established"—Mr. Hirota

EMBASSIES RETURNING TO NANKING

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The U.S.S. Oahu is proceeding to Nanking on Tuesday with two American consuls, Mr. John Allison and Mr. James Espy, to immediately look after the United States Government's nationals and interests in Nanking.
There are fourteen American subjects remaining in the former capital.
It is emphasised, in connection with this move, that the United States recognises only the Central Government.
It is learned that the British and German Embassies have requested the commander of the U.S.S. Oahu also to transport their representatives to Nanking, enabling them to reopen their Embassies as soon as possible.
—Reuter.

SIMULTANEOUS STATEMENT BY NAVY OFFICE

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in reply to the United States Note of protest in reference to bombing of the Panay by Japanese planes, states: "It has been fully established that the attack was entirely unintentional."
The reply upholds the Japanese Note of apology on December 14, which stated that the incident was entirely due to a mistake.
The latest Note declares that as a result of thorough investigation, which has been continued since, in all possible ways, it has been fully established that the attack was entirely unintentional.
Mr. Hirota expresses the hope that the explanations given to the United States Embassy by the Japanese naval authorities made this clear.
As far as a guarantee against recurrence was concerned, Mr. Hirota states that the Japanese navy without delay issued strict orders to exercise the greatest caution in every area where vessels of a third power are present, to avoid recurrence of a similar mistake, even at the sacrifice of strategic advantage in attacking Chinese troops.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Japanese answer to the United States Panay Note was

handed by the Foreign Minister to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, yesterday evening.

The Japanese Admiralty simultaneously issued a statement saying that the airmen who bombed the Panay and other ships had not been informed of the presence of American warships in the Yangtze.

These orders, it is declared, were given at noon on December 12, whereas information furnished by the American authorities that the Panay had anchored off Nanking, only reached Japanese headquarters at 5 o'clock the same afternoon. Trans-Ocean.

PUPPETS IN NANKING

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Japanese reports here state that a Self Administration Committee, with Mr. Tang Shek-shan at its head, has been established in Nanking to govern the "captured" Chinese capital and the surrounding districts which have fallen into the Japanese hands.
The Committee, which comprises all pro-Japanese leaders, has decided to sever connections with the Central Government and to adopt a pro-Japanese policy.—Our Own Correspondent.

Refugee Train Escapes Disaster By 10 Feet

A narrow escape from terrible disaster in head-on collision just before dawn yesterday, marked the journey of the "Christmas Express" from Hankow with refugees for Hong Kong.
Near Canton, the train was switched into the wrong line on which was a stationary locomotive. The train was within 300 yards of the locomotive before the peril was observed by the engine-driver. He applied all emergency brakes and the train came to a stop, ten feet away!
(Full Story In Page Seven)



The result of war in what was once a thriving suburb of Nanking. Havoc wrought by Japanese guns outside the city wall, as seen from the South Gate.

LADYBIRD REPLY HELD OVER

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A Foreign Office spokesman told Reuter that the Japanese reply to the Ladybird note will not be ready for several days as the authorities are still waiting for a report on investigations on the spot.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CUT KIAOCHOW RAILWAY

Tsingtao, Yesterday.
Railway and telephonic communications between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu have been cut.

According to well-informed quarters, Chowshan, 50 miles north-west of Tsingtao, has been attacked by Japanese planes.

Meanwhile, Japanese troops are said to have crossed the Yellow River at Chinghochen, north of Chowshan, on the railway.
Seventeen Americans left Tsingtao yesterday by the B. and S. steamer "Shengking."

The Mayor of Tsingtao, Admiral Shen Hung-lich, has been visited by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and asked to keep the port open.
Admiral Shen promised to do his utmost to aid shipping.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Japanese newspapers hint that amicable settlement of the Russo-Japanese fishery question is in sight.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON NON-COMMITTAL

Washington, Yesterday.
The Japanese reply to the United States protest against bombing of the Panay will be closely scrutinised by the State Department.

After the reports of Lt.-Commander Hughes of the Panay and the Naval Board have been digested by President Roosevelt, State Department advisers will decide whether to communicate further with Japan on the basis of facts revealed in these reports.

Well-informed circles here point out that the Hughes Report scarcely tallies with Tokyo's contention that the whole affair was a mistake, but since Commander Hughes was incapacitated during much of the Japanese action, officials are inclined to place most authority on the Naval Board's Report, preliminary accounts of which indicate that Commander Hughes' account of the deliberate nature of the attack, was fully substantiated.

TOO EARLY
The insistence in the Japanese Note on strict orders being given to make recurrence of such attack impossible in future, and the statement that "definite and specific steps" would be taken to prevent recurrence have been well received here, but it is too early yet to say that the incident may be considered closed on the American side.

It is predicted here that President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will consider the matter further during the Christmas break.

FURTHER NOTE?
Only after a further period of official study will it be possible to say whether or not a further American Note will be considered necessary.

What is giving Government circles the most concern, it is understood, is the effect which the films of the incident will have on the American public.

FILM SHOCKS

Advance reports say that the pictures taken by an American cameraman refugee on board the Panay and rushed here by trans-Pacific plane for showing in cinemas early next week, are harrowing and of such a nature as to be liable to excite popular

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JOINT NOTE BY POWERS MOOTED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Tokyo, Midnight.
Diplomatic quarters here are reticent regarding the impression created by the Japanese Reply to the American Note, but there is reason to believe that persistence in the claim to innocence has been coldly received.

While Mr. Hirota's communication gives assurances that steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence, it lacks any acknowledgment of the gravity of the Panay outrage, and generally speaking, it is regarded as singularly casual in the circumstances.

American Embassy officials decline to comment, pointing out that the matter is one for the State Department.

In well-informed circles, however, there is talk of the presentation of a joint Note by the Powers (meaning Britain, the United States and France).

Japan's reply to the British protest regarding the Ladybird incident, not yet handed to the British Ambassador, is scarcely likely to reveal an attitude any more satisfactory than the Japanese stand regarding the Panay.

There is growing belief that Britain and the United States are moving rapidly towards combined action and that the Panay Note will give impetus to the development.—Our Own Correspondent.

NORTH CHINA PLANS APPROVED

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Following two hours' deliberation yesterday afternoon and after making certain modifications in wording, the Cabinet approved the plan for developing North China.

Substance of the plan will be reported to the throne tomorrow by the Premier, Prince Konoye.—Reuter.

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WRIST WATCHES

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Left in the car park in Salisbury Road shortly after 8 p.m. on Friday night, a Morris touring car, belonging to Sergt. Wheeler, of the Traffic Department, attached to Taim Sha-Tsui Police Station, disappeared between that time and 8 a.m. yesterday.

When the car was found to be missing, all Stations were notified and the car, driven by three soldiers who appeared to be making for their Camp at Lo Wu, was seen at several points. Eventually the car was discovered, little the worse, lying in a paddy field at Au Tau, near Un Long Village. Of the occupants, there was no sign!

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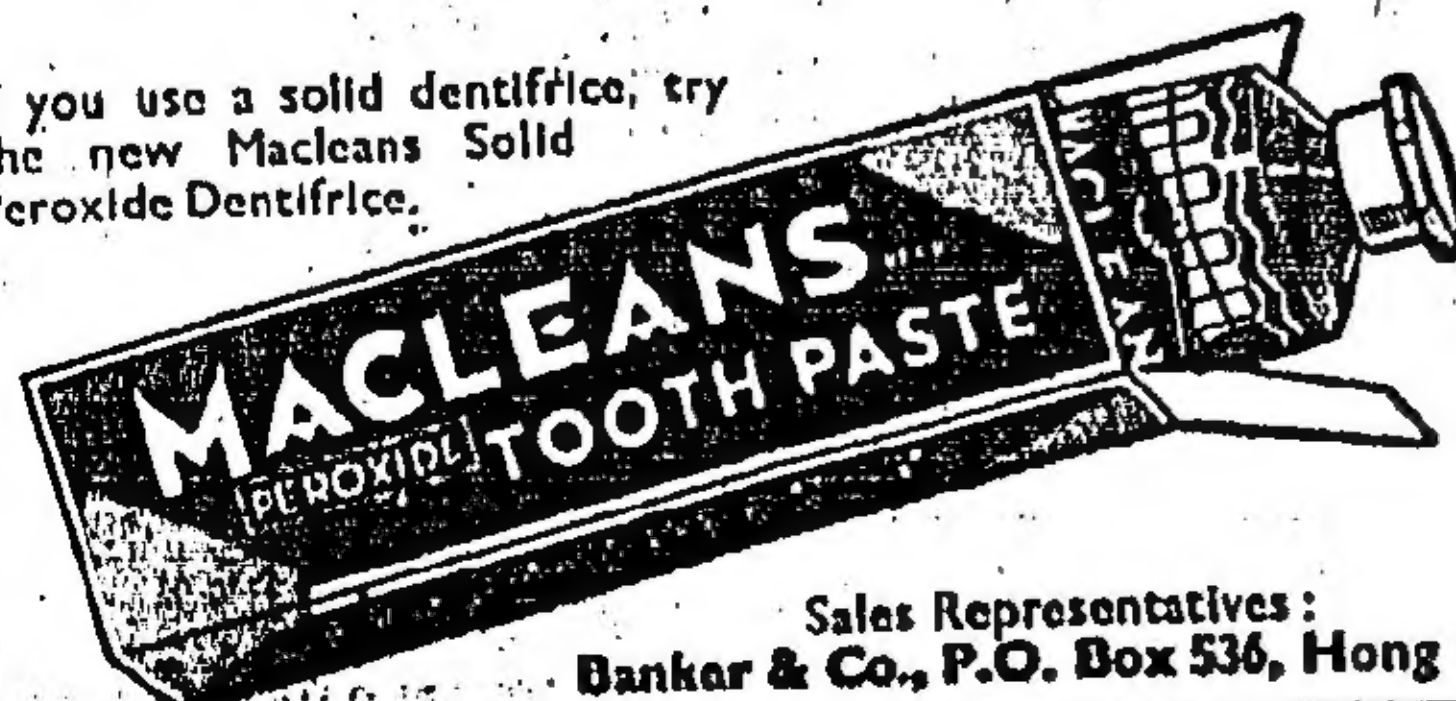
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Jack Lovelock, the New Zealand Olympic runner, asserts that women should be barred from participating in the Olympic and Empire Games. In his opinion the girls merely make spectacles of themselves and achieve—just nothing! All their straining and practise and striving and exertion only develop their muscles into ugly bulges, thicken their necks till they resemble wrestlers' or boxers', and contort their faces into unnatural and unlovely grimaces. Not the sort of picture we want to see in our looking-glasses!

Cannot Compete With Man

ATHLETICS is one sport where women can never hope to reach men's standards. A girl may be a champion sprinter, but she will be a champion only among women—men are several seconds faster over a hundred yards.

A girl may be the best women's shot-putter in the world—but her record would make no impression in an open competition.

For the truth of the matter is that very few of us women are designed for participation in these field sports.

I asked a Macquarie Street doctor for his opinion. "It all depends on degree," he said, "but long-distance running, cycling, and competitive rowing should all be discouraged for women."

"The Olympic and Empire Games impose too big a strain on a girl, but I wouldn't bar all competitive sport. Competition naturally leads to keenness, but I would say this—concentrate on games in which you compete not as an individual, but as a member of a team."

Exercise And Companionship

CLUB athletics, of course, are a very different proposition, and here exercise and companionship can be had for very little expense. But once a girl works up to Olympic or Empire Games standard she runs the risk of straining herself, both physically and emotionally.

"I quite agree with Lovelock. He is a medical student himself, and therefore he speaks more authoritatively than the average man could. Beside that, he has been a competitive runner of the highest class, and he knows exactly what toll must be paid for success."

MAKE the most of your hands. They are a symbol of power, index to your character and indispensable to charm and beauty.

A TIP

If a thermos flask becomes very soiled, put some crushed eggshells and a little vinegar into the bottom of the flask. Shake well, and let it stand for a time, with some water added. Shake again and rinse thoroughly. Invert the flask to drain and then put away. Do not put the cork in, as this is apt to make the flask musty.

little tricks

A LITTLE grated orange rind over the sugar when cooking an apple pie gives the pie a delicious new flavour.

INSTEAD of keeping one large recipe-book, buy several small ones, and index them. Sweets, savouries, etc. You find this very convenient.

TO improve tan boots and shoes which have become discoloured, mix a tablespoon of milk with a dessertspoon of methylated spirit, and apply with a sponge made of soft flannel. Leave for a few minutes, then clean in the usual way.

KID gloves can be made to look quite new again by rubbing them with the white of an egg after cleaning and drying them.

IF TOMATOES have become over-ripe, place in a basin of cold water to which a little salt has been added. After a few minutes' immersion in the water, the tomatoes will become quite firm.

"In the majority of cases, men do not react as emotionally as women to overstrain, but if anyone is competent to judge he is."

"Cricket, hockey, tennis, basketball, and swimming are all good, with swimming perhaps ranking first. This is the one sport which the 'dud' can enjoy just as much as the record-breaker, and it is better exercise than any other sport."

"Golf is another sport ideally suited to women, and is a game which can be enjoyed right up to the time you are seventy or so. In fact, I know one old lady who always looks forward to her weekly round, and she is over eighty. And she plays very consistent golf, too. Tennis is another game well suited for women, for excellence here depends on grace, timing, and balance rather than on muscular strength."

"And no one will deny that many of the stars have a great deal of charm despite the continual practice needed to raise them to the heights. Helen Williams, Moody, Kay Stammers, and Senorita do Alvarez lost none of their feminine charm."

MAUD DAWSON'S GOSSIP

When Women
Have Those
Screaming Fits

JUST because you are artistic or just because you want to appear interesting to your fellow women, don't bolster up your small personality by developing a temperament. For temperament is like a colander—too many people can see holes in it and it won't hold water.

Temperament! Magic, over-worked word! How many trespasses are forgiven, how many sins condoned in your name? Hundreds and hundreds of thousands—and all needlessly, for it can so easily be cured with a little well-chosen brutality.

Perhaps a little of the blame for the cultivation of temperament can be laid at the feet of actors, actresses, artists, and authors, who are sometimes inclined to hedge themselves in with temperament as an added "attraction" to the natural glamour of their professions. They rely on temperament to play the same part in the building up of their prestige as pomp and circumstance do for the Throne. But take away the false glamour attaching to the word and we are left with nothing more than a synonym for selfishness. Boil it down to skin and bone, and we are left with nothing but egotism and an unhealthy desire for attention.

A Russian Name

Producers and casting directors (like us other folk) sometimes allow themselves to be impressed by this cock-eyed bluff, and probably there lies the secret of the everlasting cultivation of temperament. No doubt many an actor and actress think that a show of temperament is expected of them. Diaghileff, the founder of the Russian Ballet,

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himself acknowledges its power when he states in his memoirs how a young English member of the corps de ballet advanced after assuming a Russian name and a temperament to match!

Many people who haven't the excuse of stage folk mistake temperament for personality, and do their best to cultivate one, quite overlooking the fact that a temperament does not necessarily mean an interesting artistic nature.

Really great people need no affectation to attract notice to their wares, and no assumption of temperament was necessary to prove the greatness of Ellen Terry, Sir William Orpen, or Sir James Barrie.

A Screaming Fit

A few weeks ago I met a girl at the races who had just lost ten shillings on a "certainty." She greeted us with what she hoped was a becoming pout, and, looking for commiseration, said, "I do hope I'm not going to have one of my screaming fits." My brutally-outspoken companion looked at her scornfully. "If you are going to," she said, "have it by a tap, so that I can throw some water over you. You can't cure hysterics by kindness!"

Fond mothers are largely to blame. They encourage or pander to these outbursts when a little cold criticism would work wonders. One hears ridiculous excuses made for lack of common courtesy and consideration. "You can't expect Alice to be like other girls—she's so artistic and temperamental." Which just means that Alice, poor girl, is a selfish backslider and deservedly unpopular.

I remember the headmistress of my school saying to one of the girls who rather fancied herself as an author, "There's no need for you to be rude and untidy just because you're poetical."

Inclined To Pander

We ordinary folk are inclined to pander to temperament, too, very often because temperament means temper, and we are over-awed by anyone with a fine flow of language. And so we take the line of least resistance, and, instead of calling their bluff, give in to a superior array of batteries (albeit they are batteries more full of sound than of shot). And the trouble is that it is not always the pleasant, quietly-spoken person who receives the best attention in offices or shops. More often it is the woman who threatens to fly off into hysterics who has the full co-operation (though perhaps unwilling co-operation) of the staff. More's the pity.

Temperament is a disease that thrives on its recognition. Treat it with disdain; ignore its right to existence, and it will die of inanition. For temperament is nothing but an ugly snail-shell in which the temperamental take refuge when things are not going their own way. It is as brittle as a snail-shell, too, and can be crushed very effectively with nothing more costly than scorn.

We can forgive a great artist for her display of temperament, because she is a great artist, but you small folk who are hankering after attention, remember this: The glamour attached to her name is in spite of temperament, not because of it.

Brighter Marriage
Prospect

EVEN if we had not at very long last a moderate and sane measure of matrimonial reform with good prospects of passing into law, it would be evident that our attitude towards marriage had become infinitely more rational.

Proof of this, paradoxically enough, is the changed attitude towards the unmarried.

It is hardly a generation ago that the spinster, even if self-supporting or economically independent, was regarded as an oddity.

"Poor old thing!" was her young niece's kindest comment, and to avoid becoming another such social outcast herself, plunged into matrimony as a person will leap from the window of a burning house, preferring the risk of being maimed to being slowly suffocated.

The attitude towards marriage as a means of avoiding ostracism was hardly more complimentary towards the married state than the horror of spinsterhood towards the single state.

Now, beyond an occasional spasm of mild curiosity, we don't worry very much whether a woman is married or unmarried. We are more interested in her as a citizen.

That is why I am sorry to read of another "March of Spinsters."

I must confess to a good deal of admiration for their leader, Miss Florence White, an attractive woman, with remarkable energy and a good deal of North Country candour and sincerity.

But in spite of my respect both for the individuals and their motives, I feel that they are doing a disservice not only to social progress and to women in general, but to spinsters, too.

We want earlier pensions certainly, but for all, and not for a section of the community only.

This effort to put a special case for spinsters is turning back the hands of the clock. It is emphasising the dividing lines, which we must eradicate if we are going to move forward.

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ONE THING & ANOTHER

IN these days of frenzied time-saving, it is nothing to remember that there is still one place where the strain of modern life is never felt, and everything is done in the longest and most leisurely way.

Should you doubt that such a haven exists, let me refer you to the Parliamentary Reports:—

November 4, 1937.

Mr. Barnes.—To ask the Minister of Labour whether the Government have now come to a decision with regard to the recommendation of the Unemployment Insurance Committee in favour of raising the limit of entry into unemployment insurance from £250 to £400 per annum, having regard to the fact that this Report was issued as long ago as February 7, 1936.

Mr. Ernest Brown:—I would refer the hon. Member to the reply I gave on October 28 to similar questions put by the hon. Members for Birkenhead East and Clay Cross.

Turning up the records, we find:—October 28, 1937.
Mr. Ernest Brown:—No, sir.

"RETURN OF GOUT TO BRITAIN."
I read. "Result of Trade Prosperity."

This is the opinion of a doctor at Bath. Nevertheless, it needs further explanation. Another paper tells me that there are two varieties of gout—"rich man's gout," the result of rich food and wine, and "poor man's gout," due to overstrain and nervous exhaustion.

I need more data before I can tell you which of the two would naturally result from the particular brand of prosperity which the Government is at present boasting.

nouncement that this year the savings of small inventors in Great Britain have reached a record figure.

During the last slump nothing gave a man of independent spirit greater satisfaction than to be told by the P.A.C. that he couldn't have unemployment relief until he had spent his life's savings.

The thriftless souls who walked the primrose path, and spent their weekly surplus on a packet of Woodbines and a pint of riotous living, never had that satisfaction.

I do not understand the complaints against the Sunday Trading Restriction Act. One newspaper correspondent grumbles because you can't buy soap on Sunday.

He has a funny idea of how to spend a day of rest.

BOURNEMOUTH accountant ran to the Paris Exhibition. He crossed the Channel in the Queen Mary, running round the deck all the time.

He told the Press:—"I wondered whether, if I ran from England to Europe, people would realise how neighbourly we English are."

We may expect a unanimous protest from the Automobile Association. They will not like this suggestion that to travel on foot is a sign of sociability. It recalls a rude remark of Mr. Ivor Brown, who, referring to the development of modern transport, said, "Swift communications corrupt good manners."

NEXT Week:—To Berlin in a wheelbarrow.

LET us all join in the song of "TO my mind it would make for praise which greets the National Savings Committee's band and wife would occasionally

take their holidays apart from one another."—Letter to a paper.
"Peace, perfect, peace, with loved ones far away."

IN its report of the wedding of a Welsh journalist, a newspaper states that both his father and his grandfather were also journalists. Evidently the lad comes of ancient penny-a-lineage. Ha-ha.

A music hall announces that it has a "dancing crooner." Can nothing be done to check the spread of the foot-and-mouth disease?

A young actress is reported to be "getting the salary of a Cabinet Minister."

No, I don't know who the Minister is, nor whether his wife knows.

"NO Municipal Airport For London," I read.
Reprieved! Reprieved! Londoners may continue to sleep at night!

IS there anything up-to-date that you do like, Mr. Whatsit? Yes, madam—your hat.

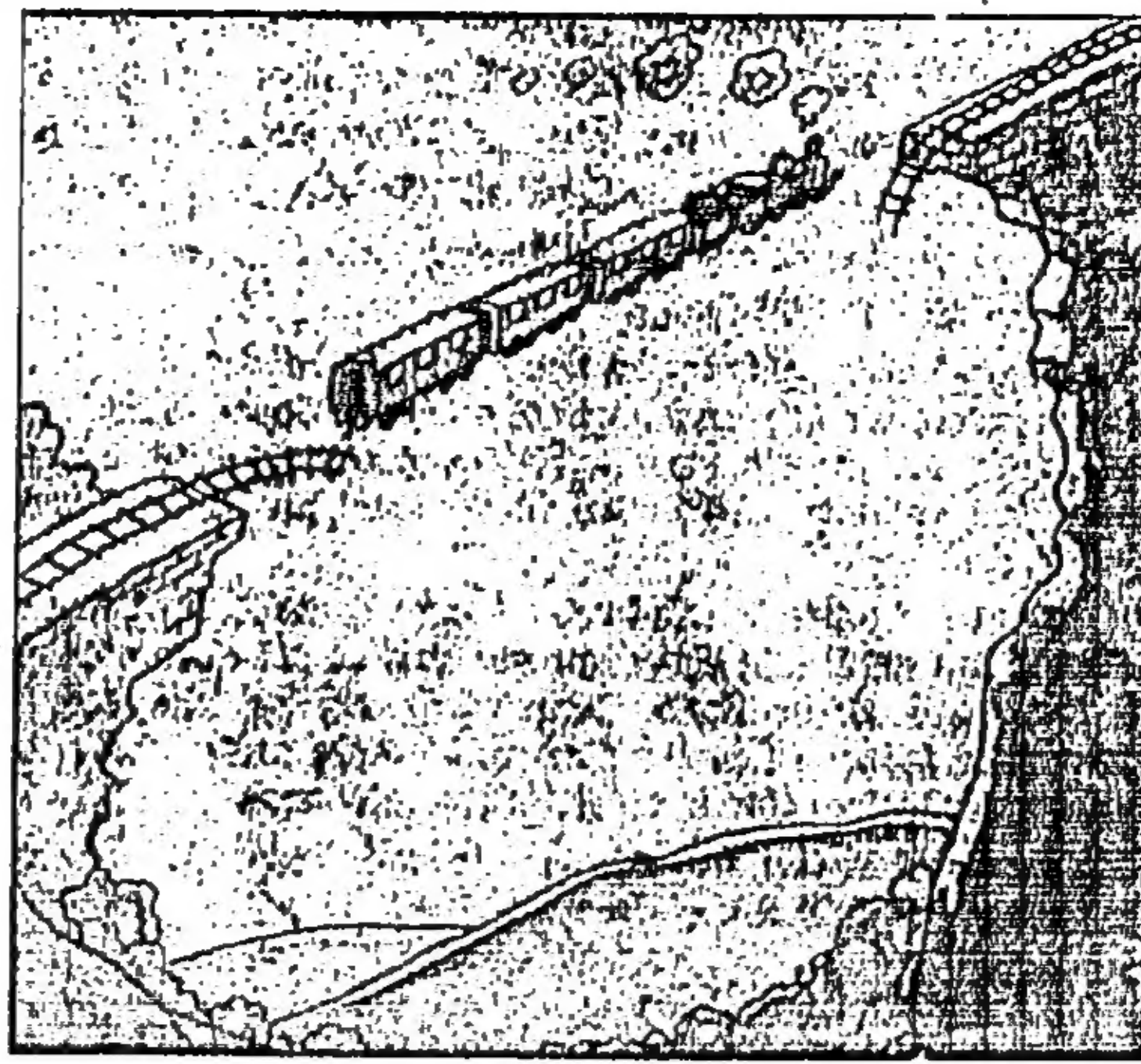
(Note. A soft answer bringeth home the bacon.)

"DELLOS To Woo Poles," says a headline.

Interesting. I've never seen a man wooing a pole, but you know the story of the man who was seen with his arms round a letterbox. "Sweetie," he was heard to murmur. "I liked you better with your teeth in."

(The headline may, of course, have been referring to a comment on the fashionable figure. I didn't see the rest of it).

"I," I read, "all the public houses in London were placed side by side, they would stretch



"I'm sure there was a bridge here yesterday!"

from London to Glasgow."

Possibly. But the Pilgrim's Progress would in no wise be assisted by this arrangement unless each one closed half an hour after the one before it.

HOLLYWOOD LOVE

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Seven times the cables of the world had throbbed with the tidings of her love. Seven times seven hundred writers had told her fans that it was a real love match. Seven times she had shown her ring to her friends. Seven times she had chosen her wedding gown. Seven times the presents had arrived from far and near.

Seven times her loved one had breathed, "Alone with you at last!" Seven times she had known that they would be as one until the end of time.

Seven times she had realised that men were all the same. Seven times she felt that her soul was cramped and her personality stifled. Seven times she had explained that her husband did not understand her.

Seven times she had instructed her lawyer. Seven times she had thrilled at her freedom.

Soon it would be eight times.

G. E. C. W.

Those who know....

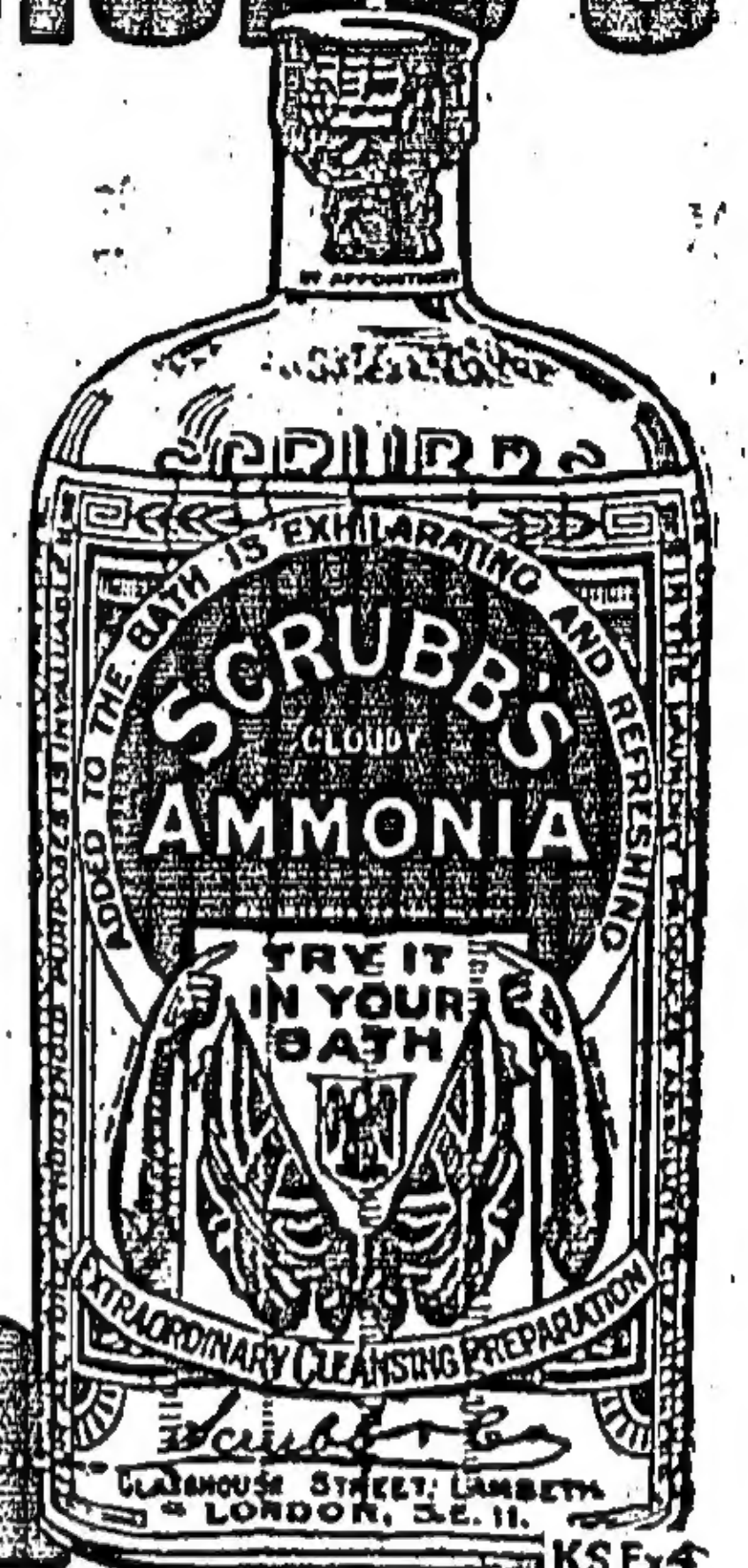
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FIRST FRUITS OF VICTORY. The bodies of these four men, one of them a policeman, lay close by the United States Embassy on the morning after Japanese occupation of Nanking. They had been tied up and executed during the night for being found abroad.

JAPANESE CLAIM TO CAPTURE OF HANGCHOW

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Attacking from early morning on Friday, from the west, north and east, three Japanese columns, comprising the Yamada, Hanigawa, Oshuda and the Seda Brigades, entered Hangchow yesterday morning, according to Japanese reports received here, which add that the Japanese troops have practically occupied the whole town and surrounding villages.

The Chinese troops have crossed to the south bank of the Tsen Tang River, opposite Hangchow, and are reported to be retreating southwards.

Shortly after the entry by the four Brigades, the Fuji Brigade

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Hankow, Yesterday. Reports are conflicting regarding the fate of Hangchow, in spite of the Japanese claim to have occupied the lake-side city.

Chinese reports say that Chinese troops were still holding Chienchiang, just outside Hangchow, late yesterday afternoon.

It is admitted, however, that the situation is critical.—Reuter.

arrived at the Eastern Gate of Hangchow at 11 a.m. and subsequently followed their comrades in mopping up the remaining Chinese forces in the city.

FIGHTING IN CITY
A Chinese report states that Chinese troops, who were left behind to cover the retreat of the main defending forces, have not yet been able to cross the River, and it is believed that they have been trapped in the city, where sharp and brisk machine-gun and rifle firing continued throughout last night.

BOMBING HAVOC
The eastern, northern and western outskirts of the city are reported to be in ruins, following one of the heaviest aerial raids yesterday.

Columns of smoke from blazing buildings can be seen for miles around.—Our Own Correspondent.

MACHINE-GUN EXECUTION OF FUGITIVE TROOPS

FOREIGN FLAGS TORN DOWN AND PROPERTY LOOTED BY TROOPS

Violation of the guaranteed Safety Zone, indiscriminate shooting of Chinese, soldiers and civilians alike, violating of women, wholesale looting of foreign and Chinese property, tearing down of foreign flags—these are some of the facts which emerge from a harrowing story told to a "Sunday Herald" representative by a foreign eye-witness of the first few days of Japanese occupation of Nanking.

The full story of events in the doomed Chinese capital may never be revealed, but from what has come to light, it appears that, a reign of terror was deliberately created in the city with the apparent approval of high Japanese officers, who did not enter Nanking with their troops.

The afternoon of Dec. 13 saw the first shooting down of civilians, though this was due to the nervousness of the invading troops.

First Japanese troops to enter the capital were light patrols, who had met with strong resistance outside the gates and had been sniped at on their way into the city.

PANIC SHOOTING
By the time they had penetrated a few hundred yards into the city they were in such a condition of nervous tension that they were quite prepared to fire on sight.

This happened in one of the main streets, when a crowd of Chinese civilian bystanders suddenly panicked and took to their heels. The Japanese patrols took alarm and a volley rang out, taking toll of a number of Chinese who actually fell victims more to their own flight than to any deliberate Japanese outrage.

It was not till the main body of Japanese troops, between 20,000 and 30,000 strong, entered the city that systematic brutality began.

LICENCED OUTRAGE
With only junior officers in control, the Japanese troops had full license to behave in the traditional manner of conquering troops.

First action of the Japanese was directed against Chinese troops, several thousand of whom had had their retreat cut off and who had taken refuge in the Safety Zone or were wandering helpless through the streets of Nanking, some still in uniform, others in hastily acquired civilian clothes.

On the outskirts of the city,

out and executed by machine-gun fire. Others were bayoneted in horrible fashion and suffered agonies of torture before their sufferings were relieved by a merciful death.

CORDON ROUND HOSPITAL.
A similar fate is believed to have overtaken a batch of several hundred Chinese wounded left behind in one of the hospitals in the city.

Japanese soldiers threw a cordon round the buildings, refused ingress or egress to doctors and nurses and prevented food supplies from reaching the unfortunate in the building.

The hospital equipment was looted, doctors and nurses robbed of cash and other valuables.

No definite information is available as to the fate of those in the building.

WOMEN RAPED
Dozens of cases of rape were reported, and, though not all were confirmed, foreign doctors attended several Chinese women and girls who had suffered at the hands of Japanese soldiery.

Other Chinese girls were seen by reputable foreigners in the quarters of Japanese officers and soldiers.

Another form of torture inflicted on Chinese was beating about the head with the sharp edge of bayonets.

One definite case of this was reported, Chinese with their hands tied behind their backs being slashed horribly before dying.

LOOTING ORGY
Looting of foreign and Chinese houses was widely witnessed, and while heavy articles of furniture were left alone as being too unwieldy to remove, every conceivable article of any value was taken.

Partiality was shown for watches, walking sticks and flashlights, and all ready money was seized.

Refugees who were left only with a few dollars in the world, were robbed, and their few remaining goods seized.

Hospitals received the same attention, and thousands of dollars worth of instruments were damaged or taken away.

Nurses, some of them foreign missionaries, lost their belongings, though no foreigners were molested.

AMBASSADOR'S HOME
The residence of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, was entered, but is believed to have been left intact, except for a flashlight!

Two American missionaries, Miss Grace Bauer and Miss Iva Hynds, had their premises looted. In addition, they had to tolerate a Japanese

SUMMARY EXECUTION

On the memory of actual eye-witnesses was stamped a scene of horrors, some too terrible to mention in detail, which will never be effaced.

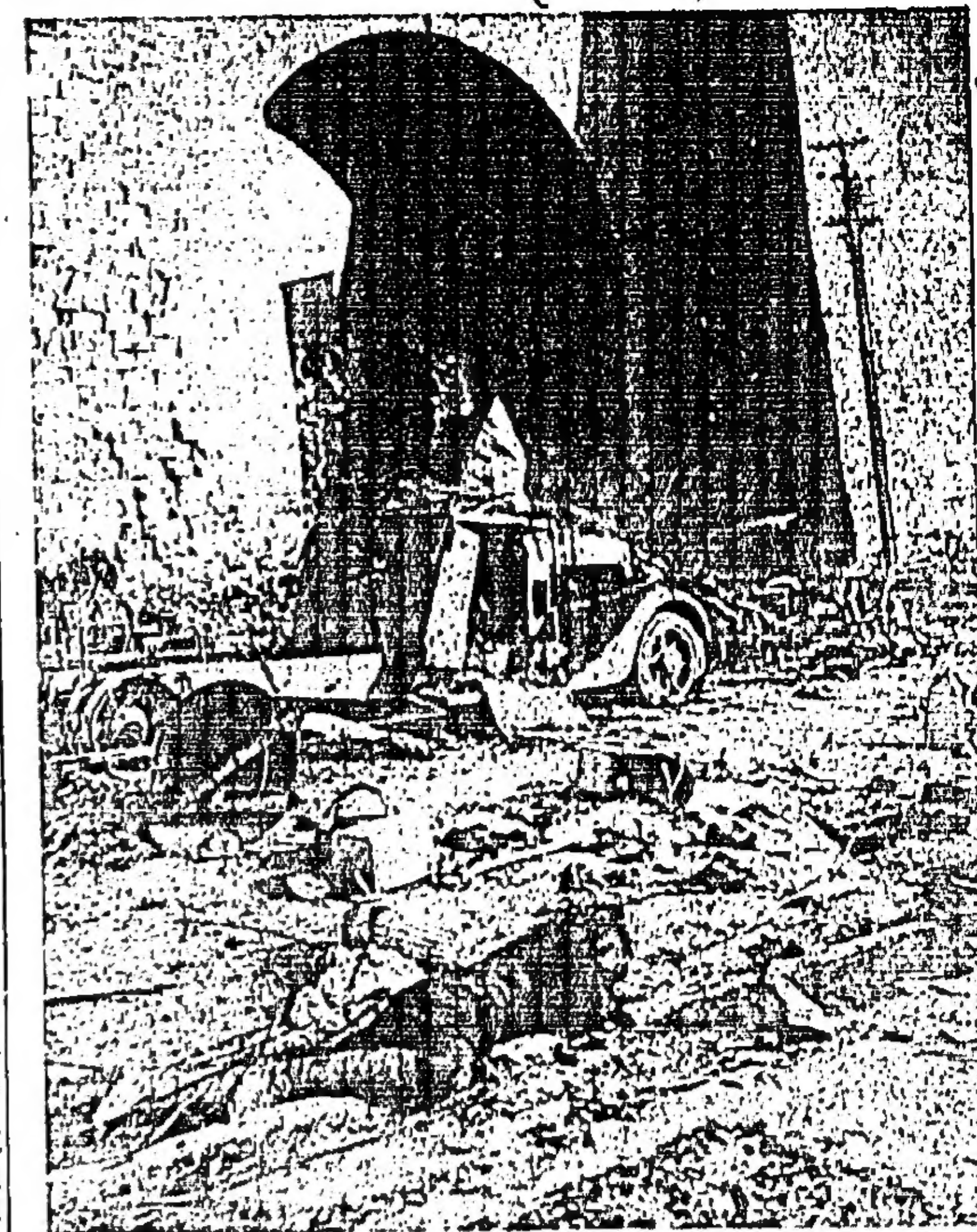
Through streets littered with every type of military equipment, from discarded rifles and steel helmets to puttees and military boots, Japanese soldiers conducted house-to-house searches, dragging out scores of frightened civilians and soldiers and despatching them on the spot.

The Safety Zone, neutrality of which the Japanese had scrupulously observed in their bombing and shelling, came in for its share of attention.

MASSACRE OF "PRISONERS"
In the Zone, hundreds of Chinese soldiers had obtained sanctuary from the International Relief Committee. They had voluntarily handed in their arms and equipment and were quartered among the thousands of civilian refugees.

Into the Zone came Japanese soldiers, who methodically examined all male refugees for marks of shoulder straps and packs, bruises on shoulders from repeated firing of rifles, and other signs which would betray the military status of the refugees.

The men were roped together, hands behind their backs, taken



FOCAL POINT OF THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON NANKING. The principal entrance to the South Gate in the city wall of the capital as seen after the city fell. The bodies of the Chinese dead outside the wall had their clothes burned off and in some cases were partly incinerated by the fierce shellfire to which they had been subjected.

FRESH JAPANESE SHANSI OFFENSIVE PENDING

Hankow, Yesterday.

A fresh Japanese offensive in Shansi, whose capital, Taiyuan, was occupied by the Japanese some time ago, is expected to be launched shortly.

The Japanese have considerably strengthened their forces in this sector in the last few days, and now have four divisions in the province.

ese officer who slept for several hours in their bedroom.

It is emphasised that foreign flags were flying over foreign property, which in addition bore proclamations from the various Embassies.

FLAGS IGNORED
Motor-cars were seized, some of them belonging to foreigners or to Embassies. All of them were flying the flags of their respective countries, which were torn off and thrown into the road.

Foreign flags, mainly American, were torn off buildings, notably in several buildings of Nanking University.

A German courageously protested to a group of Japanese soldiers who were tearing down the German flag from Kessling and Bader's, the well-known restaurant in East Chungshan Road. The matter was finally settled.

While foreigners were never at any time attacked by Japanese, Chinese, especially unarmed police left behind to maintain a modicum of order, were insulted and assaulted repeatedly.

This army has been concentrated along the Taiyuanfu-Shichia-wang Railway.

The paper "Shao Tung Po" declares that the Japanese will find the Chinese forces ready to counter-attack.

In the southern part of Shansi, which, like the western part, is still in Chinese hands, order has been completely restored, and the population has returned to their homes.

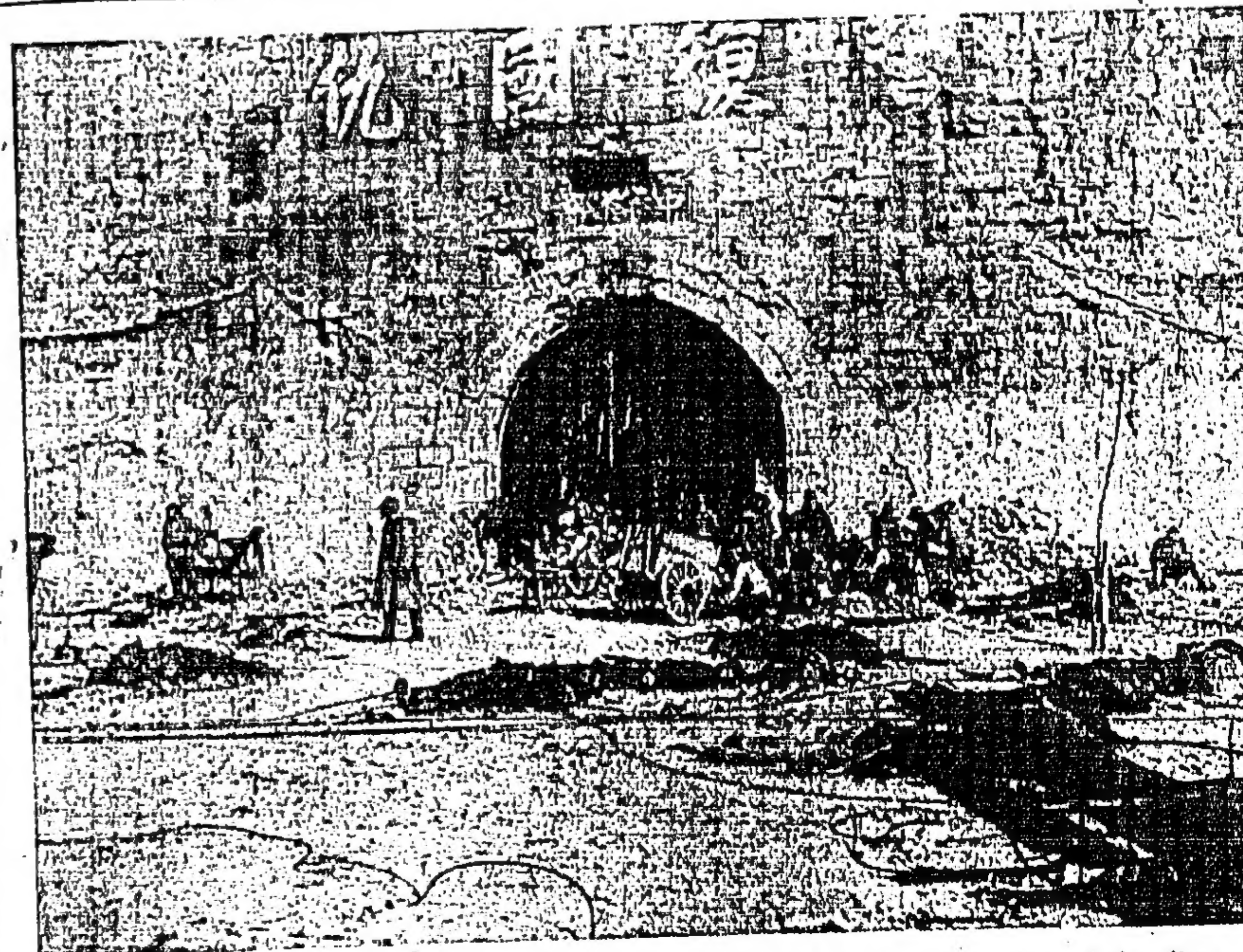
In the northern part of Shansi, held by the Japanese, isolated detachments of the 8th Route Army are carrying on irregular warfare, which is reported to have led to recapture of a number of small towns on the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar border.—Trans-Ocean.

MARYSE HILSZ

Salon, Yesterday.

Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the French aviatrix, took off at 5.04 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday on her return journey to Paris, after breaking the Paris-Salon record.

She plans to fly to France in three hops, landing at Jodhpur, Damascus and Paris, and spending Christmas Day in the air.—Reuter.



The entrance to the South Gate of Nanking as seen after the Japanese occupation of the city. The Japanese soldiers in the picture seem more aware of the photographer than of the corpses of Chinese soldiers.



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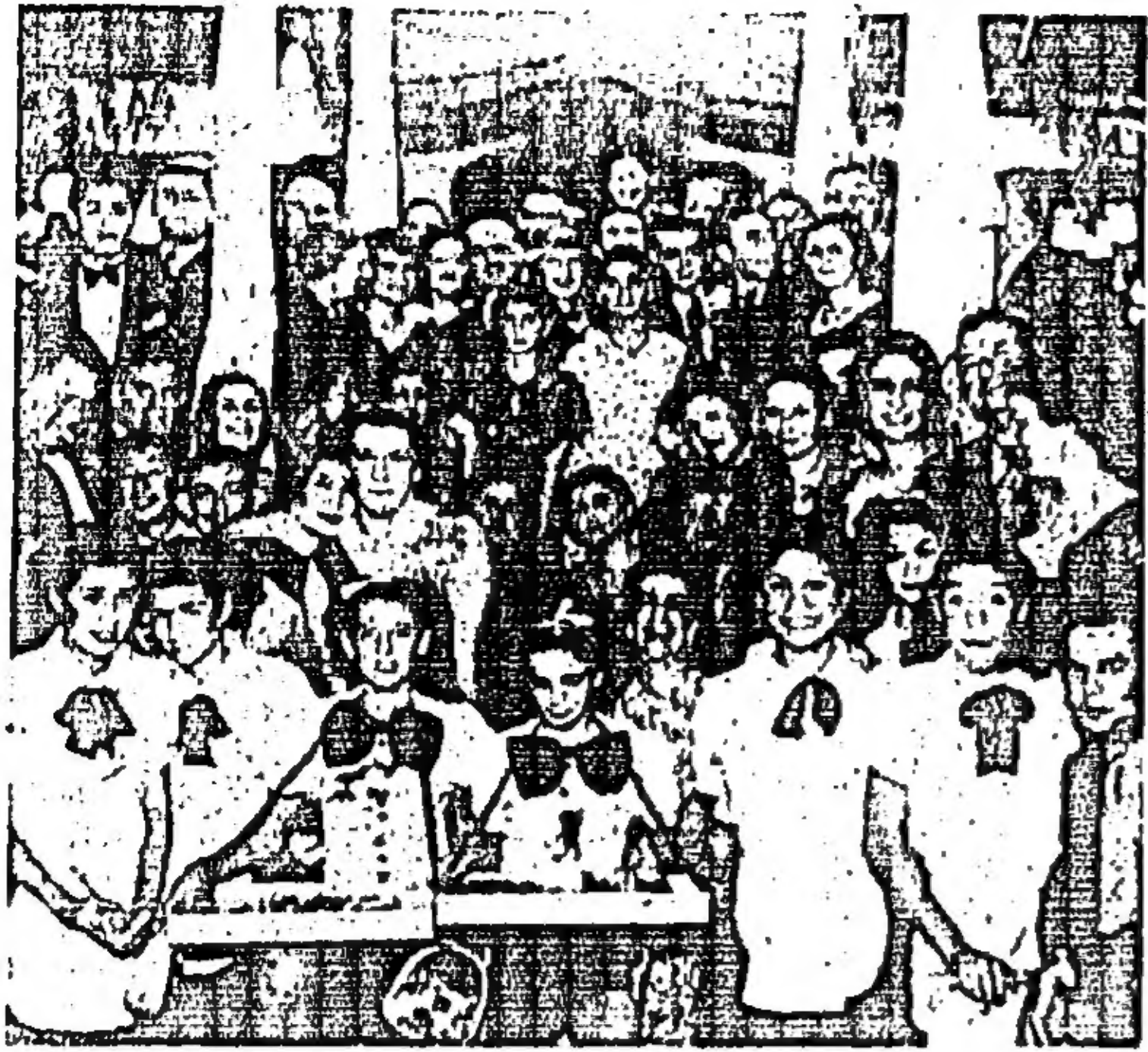
SUSPICIOUS LETTERS ON JAPANESE STEAMER

Los Angeles, Yesterday. The United States is showing evidence of tightening up her guard of the entire Pacific coast after the seizure of a sheaf of letters, described as being of a suspicious nature from a Japanese steamer and the capture of a Japanese fishing boat by Customs agents.

The letters were seized as the result of a raid on the liner Tatusu Maru in San Francisco.

United States destroyers are actively patrolling southern Californian waters, several fishing boats have been halted and inspected at San Diego.

It is reported that the Mexican Government have ordered gunboats to closely check Japanese fishing boats, following allegations that alien hydrographic experts have been sounding and charting Pacific Coastal waters.—Reuter.



A farewell dance was held at Lanchuk during the week when the Shanghai refugees and their friends had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The refugees commenced their return journey to Shanghai last night in the Conte Verde.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN PEIPING

Peiping, Yesterday. Preparations for establishment of a new "People's Council of the Chinese Republic" were completed on Thursday, and the body was constituted yesterday.

The Council will not be a political body, and its task will be to "enlighten" the population regarding measures of the "provisional government."—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN LOSING NO TIME

Peiping, Yesterday. Constitution of a "definite" pro-Japanese government of China in Peiping will take place in February, according to Japanese quarters here.

It is also stated that preparations are now being made to replace the present "provisional government."—Trans-Ocean.

LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE LOOMING, HOWEVER

Hankow, Yesterday.

FURTHER successes by Chinese troops in Hopei Province are announced by the Chinese High Command.

It is declared that the Chinese troops are continuing their northward advance and have captured several more towns.

Tamingfu has been captured, and loss of this strategically important town, the main Japanese base in this area, will seriously affect Japanese conduct of operations.

The Chinese commanders are now organising the peasantry in order to consolidate their gains.

The advance on Kuanpin, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, is continuing.

Guerilla warfare has been organised to such a state of perfection in Honan that the Japanese have been compelled to confine their operations to holding the towns, it being unsafe for them to operate in open country.

YELLOW RIVER

Meanwhile it is reported that the Japanese are preparing to make an attempt to cross the Yellow River.

They have assembled a large number of launches and junks at Putai, on the river, and the crossing will probably be attempted at this point.

The Chinese are making the necessary preparations in strengthening the defences on the south bank.

SHANTUNG ZONE

In northern Shantung, held by the Japanese, Chinese guerrillas are increasingly active, particularly on the Shantung-Hopei border.

Irregulars operating with incredible daring behind the Japanese lines are seriously hindering Japanese communications between the base depots and the front lines.

Their activities, it is claimed, will make any immediate Japanese crossing of the Yellow River a difficult, if not impossible, proposition.—Trans-Ocean.

SHANTUNG THREAT

Tientsin, Yesterday. North China will shortly experience another major battle, according to the decision reached by the Military Headquarters here yesterday.

The battle front will extend from the upper Yellow River in Honan to the northern borders of Shantung, and from Nanking to Tsinanfu, the Japanese object being the occupation of Shantung Province to "replace the loss sustained by the Japanese through the destruction of Japanese property in Tsinanfu and along the Tsinanfu-Tsingtao Line."

HEAVY DESTRUCTION

A military spokesman stated that in spite of the promise given by General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, that Japanese interests and property would be protected by the Government, nine Japanese mills, involving the loss of millions of yen, were destroyed by the Chinese authorities at Tsingtao, while a number of other Japanese interests located between Tsinanfu and Tsingtao were similarly destroyed by the same authorities.

PORT NOT BLOCKADED

The official added that the Japanese High Command in North China saw no reason for this action by the Shantung Government, and he pointed out that the Japanese troops who reached the Yellow River at Tsinanfu refrained from crossing to Tsinanfu, while the Japanese Naval Command also did not blockade Tsingtao, which was, incidentally, the only Chinese port along the coast which was not blockaded.

The spokesman continued that the North China Command has decided to punish the Shantung Government and will shortly commence a drive towards the Shantung capital.

STAND-BY ORDERS

The Japanese troops, who have been along the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Tsinanfu, are under strict orders to "stand-by" for the order to cross into Shantung province, while the Japanese fleet have also received instructions to despatch a number of ships to attack Tsingtao.

General Han Fu-chu was informed of the Japanese decision yesterday, but, according to reports received here, he refrained from making any comment or statement.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai Celebrates Sian Anniversary

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Celebrating the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Sianfu Incident, when General Chiang Kai-shek safely landed at Loyang from Sianfu, public organisations in Shanghai have telegraphed to the Generalissimo at Hankow, pledging full support to the Central Government and to its plan to continue resistance against Japan.

The telegram states: "We have been greatly moved by reading your statement last week reiterating the firm decision of the Chinese Government to resist Japanese aggression.

"Although Shanghai fell more than a month ago, every Chinese citizen here is eager to do his part at all times for the fatherland.

"On this day, in remembrance of your safe departure from Sian last year, three million Chinese here are raising Chinese flags under the most difficult conditions, and are giving our full support to you and to the Central Government.

FINAL VICTORY

"This represents also our firm decision not to surrender, and our hope that every Chinese in the country, under our supreme leader, will fight for our final victory under the banner of the Sun Min Chu Yi with an ever-growing revolutionary spirit."—Reuter.

EGYPT'S PROTEST IN ADDIS ABABA

Cairo, Yesterday.

The Egyptian Government is contemplating removal of the Egyptian consulate at Addis Ababa to Djibouti, in French Somaliland, as a visible protest against separation of the Abyssinian Coptic Church from the Coptic Patriarchate in Alexandria.

Election of the Abyssinian priest, Abraham, as Abuna, or Metropolitan, of the autonomous Coptic Church in Abyssinia, which took place under Italian investigation, is regarded in Cairo as an act of hostility towards Egypt.

Ever since the fourth century, the Abuna has been appointed and consecrated by the Alexandrian Patriarch.—Trans-Ocean.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Three Christmas puddings arrived in Palestine today from Queen Elizabeth to the Black Watch Regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.—Reuter.

DRASTIC PUNITIVE ACTION

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Japanese army authorities have decided to take "drastic punitive action" against the "Chinese vandals who destroyed Japanese property in Shantung," declared a spokesman of the Japanese garrison here to-day.

He added that Japan reserves the right to demand indemnification, and is prepared to obtain guarantees that Japanese property is not molested in future.

The spokesman said that nine Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao were blown up "by order of the Municipal authorities in Tsingtao," and claimed that Japanese property in Tsingtao was being "freely looted by Chinese regulars and mobs."—Reuter.

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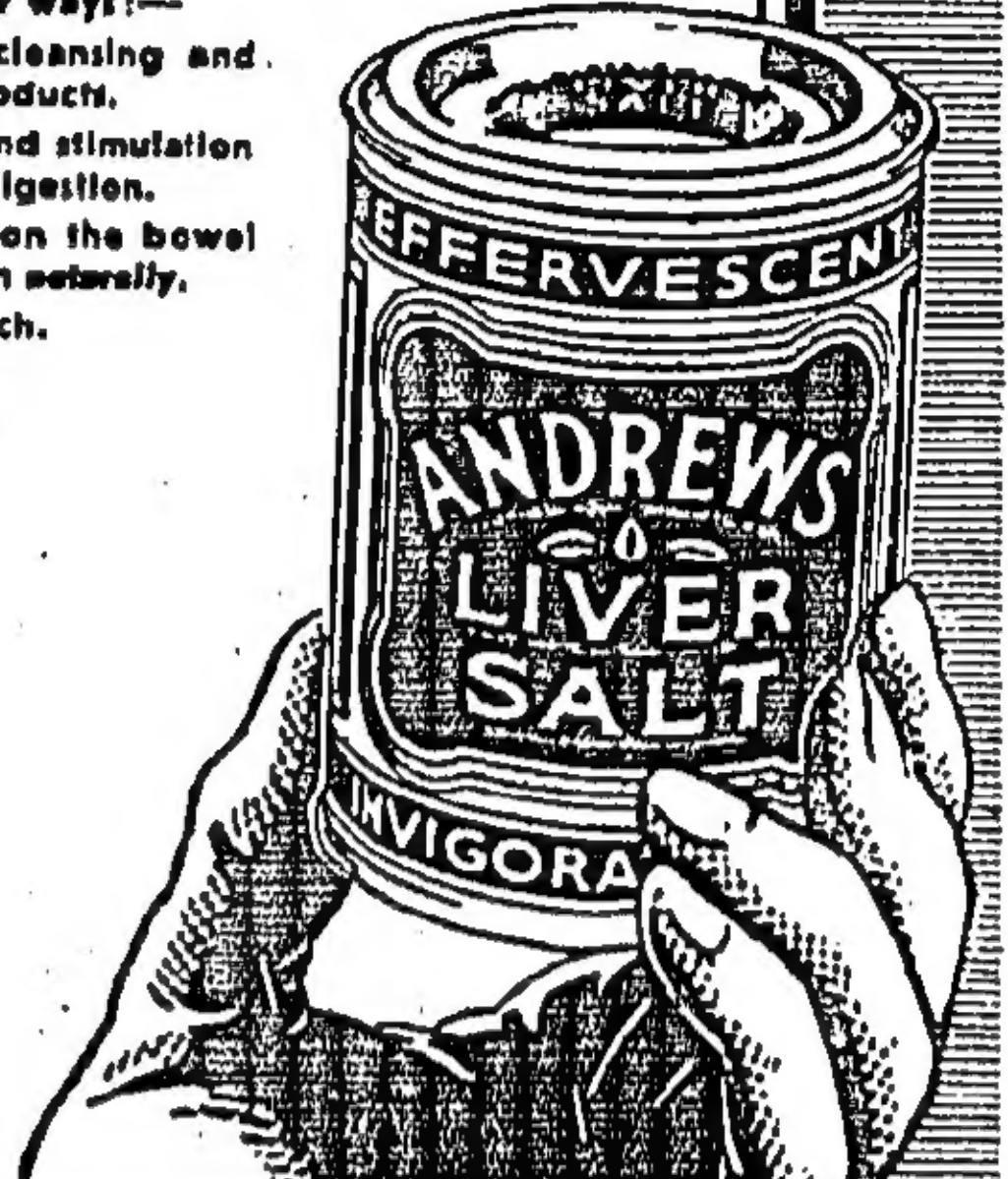
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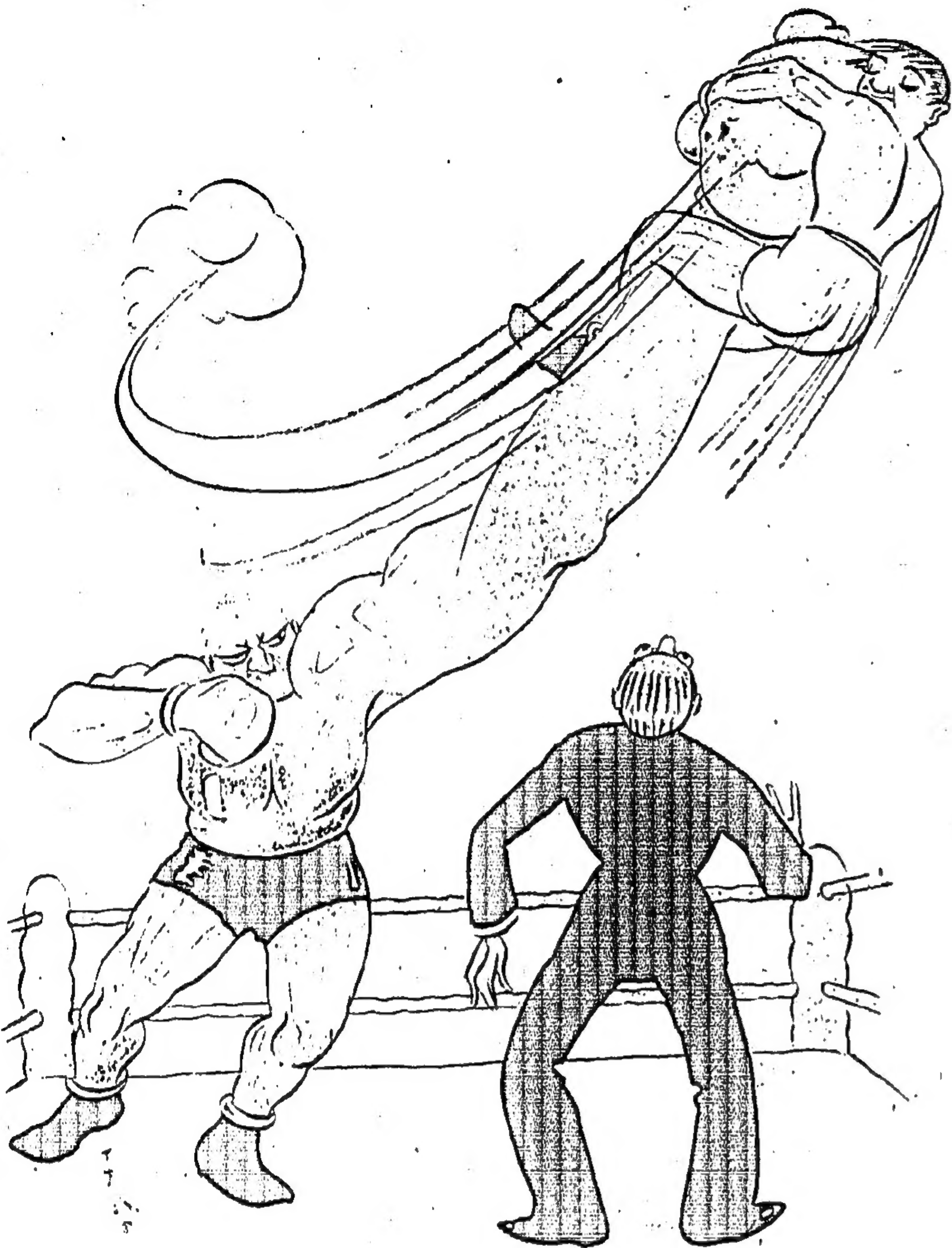
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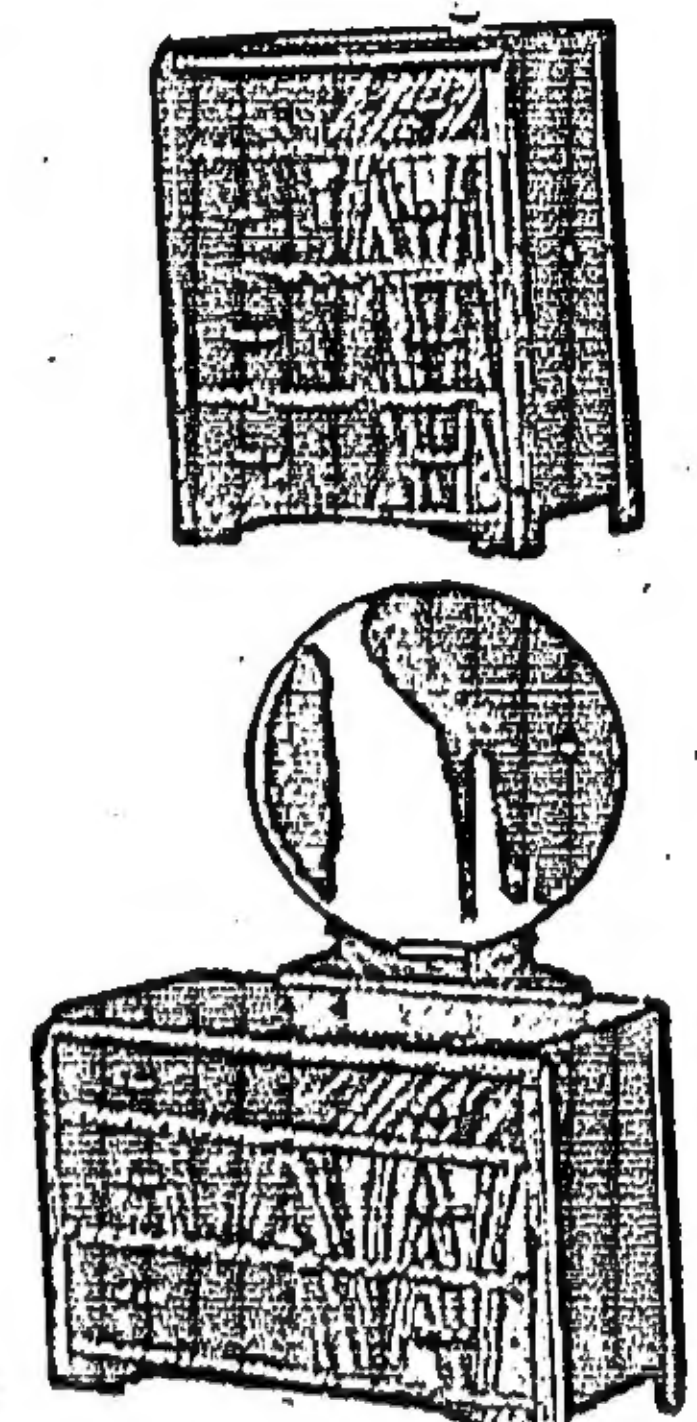
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The incident occurred near Wong Sha Station, the terminus of the Canton-Hankow line where, it is believed, an error on the part of a signalman resulted in the train being switched on to the wrong line.

The crowded express was racing at speed into a stationary shunting locomotive when the driver noticed it some 300 yards away, and braking violently, pulled up a mere 10 feet from the obstruction.

The "Christmas Express," which left Hankow early on Thursday morning, made excellent time despite many tiresome stops and the actual time taken for the journey amounted to some 48 hours.

MRS. DEWSBURY'S UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

A most uneventful journey with the minimum of excitement, was the general opinion of the passengers when they arrived at the Kowloon Railway Station at 8.45 yesterday morning.

With far more than the ordinary number of coaches, it presented a brave spectacle as it steamed into Kowloon Railway Station. Cleverly camouflaged, with large flags representing the many nationalities aboard—British, French, German, American etc.—draped over the roofs of the carriages, all windows were filled, as many of the passengers strained to catch their first glimpse of Hong Kong and the security of the British flag.

NO CONFUSION

Despite the unexpectedly early arrival there was a fairly large gathering on the platform where the task of disembarkation was carried out with great expedition and lack of confusion.

In striking contrast to the first refugees from Shanghai who, fresh from war-stricken areas, horror written over their faces, the arrivals from Hankow were all remarkably cheerful and had nothing but praise for the excellent staff work which had been responsible for their comfort during the two days they were on the move.

Some of them admitted that they had received a severe shock when the train was brought up with a jolt, believing for the moment that the train had been bombed.

Tendency to panic, however, quickly subsided, when shunting into safety brought realisation that the train had not been attacked from the air.

HANKOW QUIET

"Hankow is very quiet and none of the foreign women are in the slightest degree perturbed by the possibility of hostilities visiting that city," one charming lady, radiating good spirits, told a "Sunday Herald" reporter.

"Actually I should not have bothered to have made the trip at all if it were not for the fact that my fiancée is in Shanghai and I have not seen him for nearly nine months.

"The city, of course, is now dreadfully overcrowded, I have never seen so many people there all the considerable time I have been in residence. I understand they are most of them, refugees from the lower Yangtse ports who are gradually being forced further and further north as the Japanese continue to advance.

"There is considerable military activity, soldiers are to be seen everywhere and this fact, combined with the continual influx of refugees, is the reason why we are here to-day. I understand that the authorities are afraid of food-

FORMER CHINA PREMIER DIES SUDDENLY IN KOWLOON

The death of Mr. Hsiung Hsiung, former Premier of China and Minister of Finance under the Manchu regime, occurred in the Colony yesterday at about 2.30 a.m. following a stroke.

Deceased arrived recently in the Colony from Shanghai and was residing at the Arlington Hotel.

He was conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital by ambulance, but died on the way.

Deceased was 70 years of age. Born in 1867 in Fenghuang, Hunan, the late Mr. Hsiung held, among other posts, that of Director-General of the Grand Canal Improvement Board. He was also founder of the Helang Shan Orphanage at Peking and promoter of and Director of several charitable institutions.

Deceased was an executive member of the National Famine Relief Commission from 1929 until recently.

the trip from Hankow to Hong Kong, via the Loop Line, on Cape-town II.

Mrs. Dewsbury stated that they had a fine time on this occasion and travelled in comparative luxury. "Hot water whenever we wanted it, a superfluity of tinned goods which we took ourselves and a small 'heat-up' on Christmas Eve which was most enjoyable."

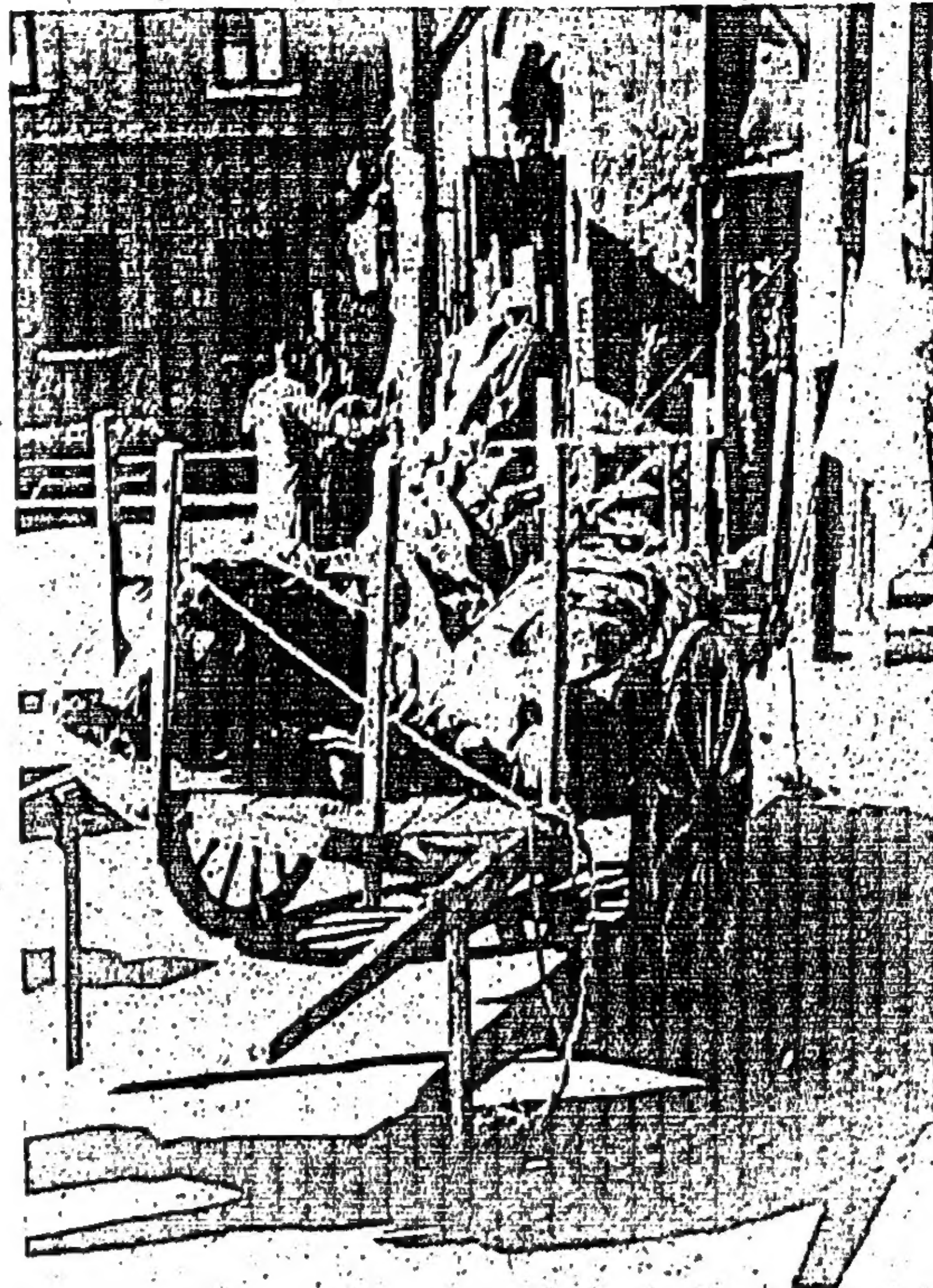
Most of the passengers when questioned said that the advent of Christmas Day was marked by no special celebration although one party did get together and sing Christmas carols.

TOO LATE

One of the most disgruntled men at the station yesterday was an American newsreel cameraman who had made a special trip to Hong Kong to film the arrival of the train. He arrived after the train had been in the best part of an hour and had to be content with disembarkation scenes and several shots of the many flags draped over the carriages.



The morning after Japanese entry into Nanking. The scene outside one of the smaller entrances to the capital's South Gate, with Japanese soldiers resting under the wall and corpses of Chinese troops and debris littering the ground.



Bodies of executed looters displayed on a hand truck as a warning to others by the Chinese military authorities in Nanking.

INCREASE IN K.C.R. FARES CONTEMPLATED

Fares on the Kowloon-Canton Railway Line are to be increased from the beginning of next year, it is learned.

First class fares from the Colony are likely to be increased from \$4 to \$4.80, second-class fares from \$2 to \$2.40, and third-class fares from \$1 to \$1.20.

The fares from Canton are also being similarly increased.

The "Sunday Herald's" Canton Correspondent learns that the authorities of both the British and Chinese sections of the Line are also contemplating running an additional express in the evening.

It was stated that the present daily express which leaves both

COMPROMISE HOPES IN CAIRO CRISIS

Cairo, Yesterday.

The executive committee of the Wafd (Nationalist) Party yesterday decided to give the Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, complete freedom of action in conducting negotiations with King Farouk for settling the dispute between the Palace and the Cabinet.

At the same time, the committee ordered all Wafd Party members to decline to participate in formation of a new Government without first obtaining the committee's permission.

It is declared the Party is prepared to accept a compromise solution of the Blue Shirts (the Party's semi-military organisation) problem.—Trans-Ocean.

SOLUTION EXPECTED

Cairo, Yesterday.

It is understood that the Cabinet is attempting an attitude of compromise and it is believed that a solution to the present crisis will shortly be found.

The first Egyptian troops taking up garrison duty as provided by the Anglo-Egyptian agreement entrained at Cairo for the interior. A representative of Prince Farouk, the Prime Minister and members of the British military commission, saw them off at the station.—Reuters Bulletin.

Tokyo Diet To Have Nothing To Say On China Policy

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The opening ceremony of the seventy-third session of the Diet will take place in the House of Peers to-morrow in the presence of the Emperor.

In view of the decision of political parties to "refrain from unnecessary debate, but instead to urge and encourage the Government to carry out important national policies successfully," the session is expected to be uneventful.

Setting aside the ordinary budget, and the extraordinary budget in connexion with the "China Incident" the Diet will be called upon to deliberate the following questions:

Increase in taxation, issue of Government bonds, national mobilisation, state control of the electric power industry and adjustment of the Japan Industrial Company, which has now been entrusted by the Government of Manchukuo with management and development of heavy industries in Manchukuo.

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

All these questions, however, are not likely to elicit any hot discussion, except the bill on state control of the electric power industry.

This measure will possibly encounter strong opposition not only by powerful sections of the House of Representatives but also of the House of Peers.—Reuters.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, who is temporarily in command of the British Yangtze flotilla, is returning to Hankow to-day.—Reuters.

Hankow, Yesterday.

General Chang Chun, Secretary-General of the Generalissimo's headquarters, entertained foreign pressmen at tea yesterday.—Reuters.

BILLS TO FINANCE WAR

Tokyo, Yesterday.


The seventy-third session of the Imperial Diet was opened at noon yesterday with the usual ceremonies.

Numerous bills await parliamentary approval, mainly in connection with financing of the China war and mobilisation of Japanese national economy.

These bills provide, inter alia, for increase in taxation, floating of state loans, state control of the electrical industry and creation of an industrial undertaking destined to develop heavy industry in Manchukuo.

It is anticipated that all these measures, with the possible exception of the one relating to control of the electrical industry, will be pushed through without opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote left for Fanling Lodge yesterday afternoon. His Excellency is expected to stay at Fanling until the New Year, returning on Monday, January 3.



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Achilles In Exile

THE other evening, on leaving a barber's shop in Lee House Street, we encountered Monsieur Dedecoglou. Monsieur Dedecoglou, who occupies a wicker chair in the cubbyhole formed by the entrance to the hairdresser's, sells Egyptian, Virginia and Turkish cigarettes, and deals in Mocha and Java coffee. These commodities are interesting, but besides purveying the fragrant weed and bean, Monsieur Dedecoglou is interesting in himself.

A frail, bent little figure, his dark beard, high forehead, and dreamy manner, suggest the poet, while from behind thick, horn-rimmed spectacles, his eyes reflect the gentle melancholy of those who sought inspiration by the Aegean shore and remained impotent before some Ionic shrine whose perfection defied their Muse.

ACTUALLY, when we tapped him on the shoulder, Monsieur Dedecoglou was feeling homesick. He's fifty-six and left Greece at the time of the Balkan War, which to us seems as remote as the Battle of Hastings. However, to Monsieur Dedecoglou it all might have happened yesterday. The silent hills, honey-sweet with thyme; the white houses in the shade of the cypress grove; the wine shop, cool and dark, with tier upon tier of little barrels around its walls; the sharp crack of a rifle shot; the white ball of smoke drifting across the valley; the wild shouts of the Kurdish soldiers, indistinguishable in their shaggy, sheepskin coats from the bleating animals they drove before them; a slim Constantine, who clutched a carpet bag, and looking back, saw a black pall obscure the setting sun, and trembling, turned his face towards the wine red sea.

RUMANIA, Bulgaria, Turkey, Egypt, France, Russia, Malaya, Java, Japan, Shanghai, Hong Kong — the young Constantine making endless cigarettes, of the road, and never forgetting the clear, blue Aegean sky and the village in the fold of the hills. His conversation is a mixture of Greek, French and broken English. "Achilles — Vous comprenez?" We nodded.

"He stares across the sea; regardez chez lui. The smoke from my parent's house; after I have seen, I die happy. La meme chose toute la monde?" "Yes," we said slowly, thinking of the smoke from a thousand factories and the trams clanging along Fishergate, "there's no place like home."

MONSIEUR Dedecoglou beams up at us, and reached for a tin of cigarettes, "Rapastratos; famous in Athens. Please!" We lit one and inhaled a delicate aroma. His eyes twinkled. "A little Raki and we are in Clonardes." Raki we learned, is a white wine favoured by the cafe loving Athenians, and Clonardes the name of the street in which some of the most famous wine shops and restaurants are situated. Monsieur Dedecoglou says that a bottle of Raki costs three to four drachmas, or about thirty cents local currency, and goes down very well with a French salad and fresh olives.

LIKE most Greeks, he is Republican by tradition and Royalist by sympathy. He loves freedom and admires a strong man. "Once," said Monsieur Dedecoglou, "if you have some argument with a friend in the street, and the King pass by, you can make him witness in the court. Also, anyone could insult the Government in the newspapers. Vainly democrats! Tres bon!" Now, Monsieur Dedecoglou tells us, all that is finished. Hot blooded Athenians no longer plan revolutions over Raki or knife their political opponents.

General John Metaxas, bespectacled "pocket Moltke" has the country in an iron grip. Greece's George dislikes the man who re-instated him, but so far has sternly discouraged a "King's Party." Both men are handicapped by ill health; the Dictator's father spent several periods in mental homes and his brother is at present in a Greek asylum; King George dreads the possibility of having inherited cancer from his mother Queen Sophie. She inherited the disease from her father, the Emperor Frederick of Germany, known as the Hundred Days Emperor. Frederick's reign was cut short by cancer, and Sophie also died of it.

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KING George is in London, visiting Harley Street and at the same time trying to patch up the breach between his country and ours. Greece's default British bondholders, her attitude at the Nyon Conference, and Metaxas' marked German and Italian sympathies have strained relations. Monsieur Dedecoglou, who follows his country's fortunes by reading Greek newspapers sent out from home, admires King and Dictator, and tells us that for the first time in many years, Greece knows good government and though the international situation may be complicated, at home all is well. His slightly wistful tone suggested to us that he had found the old Venizelos days more interesting reading.

Grand Cirque

ALLEZ Oop! Grand Cirque Alsako's has come to town. The Big Top is in Chatham Road and nightly timid residents bolt and bar their homes against the invasion of some strayed elephant or wandering tiger whose trumpetings disturb the nocturnal silence of their backyards.

We went along to see the show the other night after having inspected the menagerie which houses among other beasts of the jungle, a fine Bengal tiger, a bored looking crocodile and a handsome black panther. The last is about the wickedest thing on four legs we have ever seen, and splits and snarls the moment you get within three feet. The

informed us and shook his fist.

ONCE upon a time, the circus was an annual event eagerly looked forward to by big and little citizens of every town that boasted a main street. To-day, circuses are few and far between and something of a novelty. Monsieur Le Directeur, M. Alsako was born and bred, and has spent all his life beneath the Big Top. His show is a carefully preserved tradition. Clowns, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers, Cossacks, and animal trainers go through their acts under the watchful eye of Mr. Alsako who acts as ring master. A short, tubby figure, his immaculate shirt front is decorated with exotic looking orders presented to him by Emperors, Kings and Nobles who have witnessed command performances.

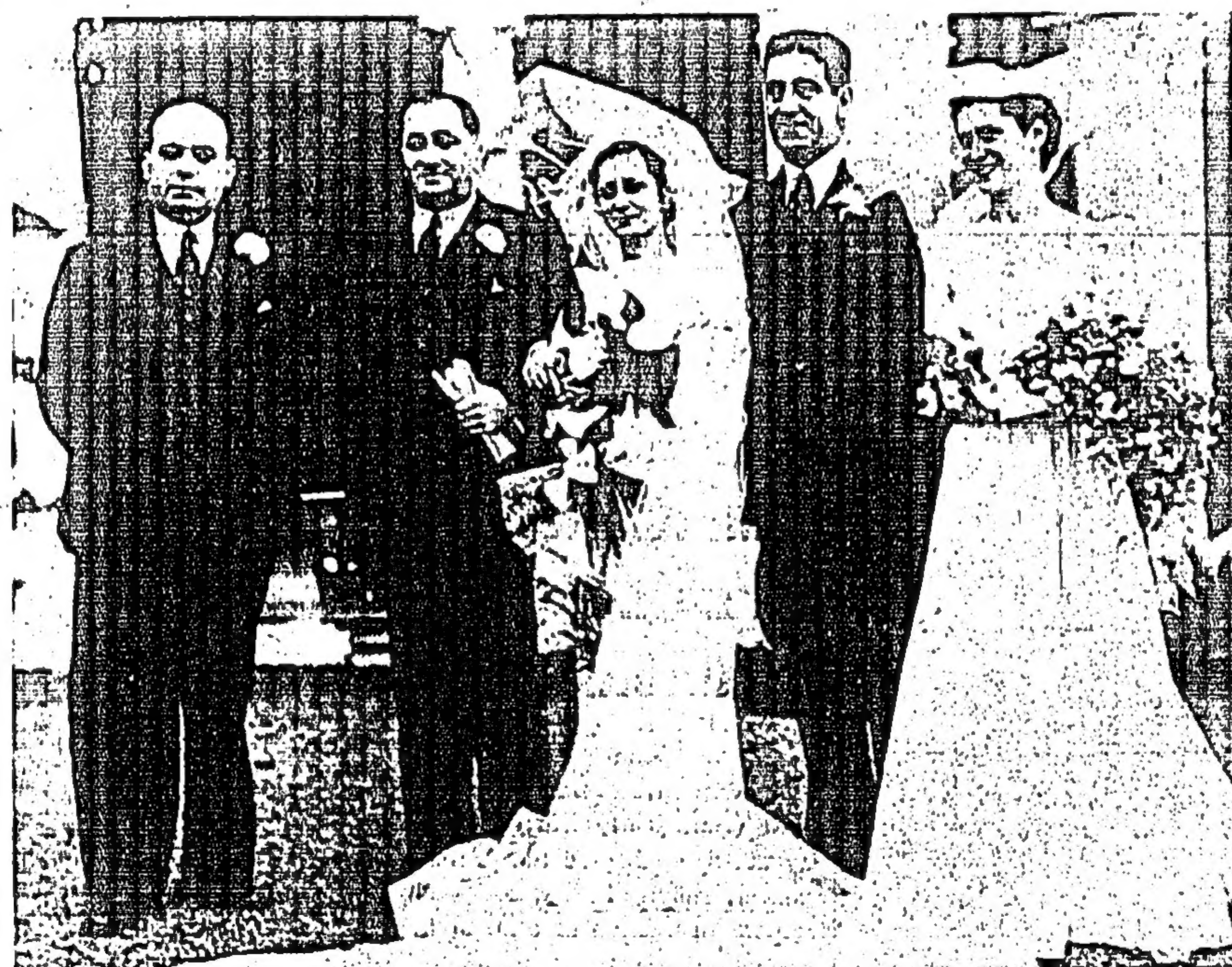
AMONG the acts, Mr. Randy's "Juggling on Horseback," "Liberty Horses," trained by Mr. Alsako himself, and the elephants presented by Mr. J. A. Blacker, are first class and alone worth the price of admission. Mr. Randy, who in private life is Mr. Smith and hails from Leicester, canters round the ring standing on the back of a white horse, and juggles with balls, hats, chairs, and any article the audience cares to throw to him with a superb nonchalance. The Liberty Horses are blooded Arabian stallions in magnificent condition. Mr. Alsako stands in the centre of the ring while these noble beasts gallop from side to side, rearing, pawing, dancing and taking a bow at his command.

THERE are five elephants, each of whom is a

phant will respond to. I crack my whip, but am careful that it does not even flick them," he told us. "An elephant is the strongest of all animals and as sensitive as a child. Only three years ago, one of the circus boys whose job it was to look after a certain elephant, had the life stamped out of his body. The boy lay sleeping in a row among twenty other boys, and the elephant broke loose from his chain, made a bee line for the sleeping quar-



Miss Dina Rosenberg arriving at the Jewish Synagogue for her wedding to Mr. Maurice David. ("Herald" photo).



Group photo taken after the wedding of Mr. Maurice David and Miss Dina Rosenberg on Wednesday. ("Herald" photo).



Taken during the wedding of Mr. M. T. Chee, of the Bank of East Asia, Shanghai, and Miss Alice W. T. Zee, at the Hong Kong Hotel last Sunday. (Ming Yuen).

PERSONALIA

Mr. W. Robertson, of the local office of the American Express Company left for Manila in the China Clipper on a short visit as the guest of Pan-American Airways.

Mr. A. B. Moulton, head of the R.C.A. organization in Shanghai, left in the China Clipper for Manila where he will supervise an extension of the company's installation there.

Miss Joyce Mary Harper, daughter of Mr. H. F. H. Harper, who is connected with the local Naval Dockyard, was married recently in Singapore to Mr. F. H. Blunsdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blunsdon, of Australia, and an officer in the Singapore Admiralty Police Force.

Three members of the local Maryknoll Mission left in the China Clipper. They were the Revs. D. J. Slattery, J. Gillochy and A. R. Reichstetter.

Prof. Gunnar Anderson, the Swedish explorer and archaeologist, and his Danish secretary, Miss Vivienne C. Dorf, painter and ethnologist, have arrived in Hong Kong en route to Hanoi. They propose to make scientific investigations in the interior of French Indo-China and Siam.

The engagement is announced between Mr. J. D. Holmes, 1st. Kumaon Rifles, Indian Army, and Miss Rosalie Alabaster, daughter of Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Attorney General of Hong Kong, and Mrs. Alabaster, M.B.E., of 276, The Peak.

Mr. Stanton Skinn, son of Dr. A. J. Skinn, arrived in Hong Kong on the Corfu from Bahrain.

Mr. L. R. Nielson, principal of the well-known firm of brokers of that name, together with his family, arrived in the Colony in the Empress of Asia.

Mrs. Rump has returned to the Colony following an extended visit to Singapore. It is understood that Mrs. Rump is contemplating a resumption of her dancing classes at the Peninsula Hotel early in January.

Mrs. P. J. Klink returned to the Colony on board the Empress of Canada.

Miss Zinn Scott, whose sudden illness compelled her last minute withdrawal from the Y.M.C.A. pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe," is making favourable progress at the Kowloon Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. Another appendicitis victim this week, Mr. "Jock" Gardner, is also reported to be doing well. He is at the French Hospital.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

You can get a guaranteed London process shrunk suitlength at Razon's, Hankow Road, for \$25-40! This is a wonderful price for truly wonderful material. After securing a suit length from RAZON'S their tailor can make it up for you. Their beautiful broadened dressing gowns are a pleasure to wear, while they have a wonderful selection of pyjamas most suitable for this weather.

The GRAND DISPENSARY has a really amazing selection of lovely perfumes to suit everyone... There is a perfume for every personality — the demure, exotic, magnetic. A really gay out-and-about-town perfume is Soir de Paris by Bourjois; or, if you prefer a perfume made from flowers, why not try L'Aimant by Coty; an insistent, magnetic essence? Just as charming as they sound are Au Matin and Bois Dormant, both by Houbigant... If you desire poise and a feeling of sophistication, then the smartest of perfumes, Le Chic, blended by Molyneux, is what you want.

Anyone looking for something really novel and rare should call at THE OLD CATHAY, in Des Voeux Road, where you can buy rugs and silks from the Palace Imperial. It is a delight to be able to buy these gorgeous silks of all colours by the yard, while they also have lots of wonderful curios. There's nothing modern about these curios. They're all genuinely old.

Don't delay in going to see the new Zenith Arm-chair Radios which are now on view at the VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE, Kowloon. You can actually lie back in your chair, turn the new Robot dial and have the world at your elbow. Besides the Robot, they have Split Second Station Locator, Electric Target Tuning and Bass Compensation for mellow, true-to-life tones. You can take your own set along and they will put it in a beautiful cabinet built for the local climate.

GORDON'S have a wonderful selection of stockings and gloves to match almost any outfit. They have very attractive kid slippers, with a big range of colours, red, blue, green, and brown. They are wonderfully soft and restful for your tired feet when you get home from a strenuous party, and should at least wear for two years. A new shipment of Cambodian silverware bracelets and numbers of novelties are arriving this week, so don't forget Gordon's.

If you are lonesome and do not know what to do with yourself, call at the DRAGON LANTERN SHOP, 24A Des Voeux Road, C. They have pottery dating as far back as 1122 B.C. and bones with inscriptions dating back over 3,000 years! Porcelains from the Ching to Tang Dynasties, old and modern Chinese paintings, old bronzes, blades of swords, old coins, etc., some dating back to the Han Dynasty, are all gifts that will be appreciated.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance


LANE, CRAWFORD'S Ladies' Salon have the most wonderful display of hats of all shapes and shades to suit every type of face. One very cute black felt hat trimmed with a wide petunia band in a Glangarry shape was particularly attractive, while a very smart navy felt trimmed with royal blue, another black felt high in the crown trimmed with sequins, a quaint brown cap shaped felt trimmed at the back with gold metal are only a few of the many I could mention.

A. S. WATSON'S have just put the most amazing cough syrup for children on the market. It has wonderful instantaneous effects, and the children will love taking it as it has a sweet taste. Even when baby's cold has gone keep on giving it to him for it will benefit him generally. You can get a bottle of this wonderful mixture for a mere 20 cents.

MAYO'S SHOPPE are once again offering you amazing dresses for astounding prices. Their afternoon frocks are simply gorgeous. They have the cutest flowers, veils, and other novelties you have ever seen. Just call and see their beautiful evening dresses and you are bound to want at least one of them for New Year's Eve. I have never seen such a beautiful array of bargain frocks.

The CAMERA EXCHANGE have a wonderful sale of photographic necessities... all cameras are going at cost price, while there is a 33 per cent. discount on all the beautiful and artistic oil paintings and albums are at half price! Be sure and call at the CAMERA EXCHANGE before the 30th as this is the chance you have been waiting for. Mr. Tonoff's studio studies, finished in natural colours, are superb.

PAUL RENNET, in Nathan Road, have a very nice selection of afternoon frocks. You are sure to want some new Winter evening frocks, so you would be wise to call early and make your choice as they are selling very quickly. As well as all the beautiful imported frocks PAUL RENNET have been very fortunate in securing a tailor whose fitting is marvellous... especially coats. Be sure and give them your next orders.




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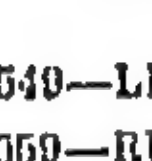
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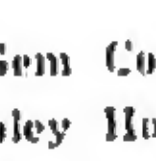
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"CHRISTIANS, awake, salute the happy morn!" Although we celebrate Christmas in a time of stress and strife, when no man can safely predict the next phase of the international crisis, we can try, at least, to thrust it out of our minds for a while. And although we are very far to-day from realising the ideal, "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," we need not lose heart. A worldly ambition can be, frequently is, realised, but an ideal cannot be attained—if it could, it would cease to be an ideal. And therein lies the great secret of Christmas. This is the season when we renew our fading hope in our ideal, when we take fresh heart and strive anew. That Christmas has lost much of its quondam sentiment and magic is undeniable, but even to-day, in these hard, material times, a modern philosopher assures us that "the spirit and rites of ancient Christmas are kept up, more or less in their full vigour and splendour, by a race of beings that is scattered over the whole earth . . . a race mysterious, masterful, conservative, imaginative, passionately sincere, arriving from we know not where, dissolving before our eyes we know not how . . . the children by virtue of whom our moderns are still trampling the sky . . ."

of whose faith the remainder are.

Actually this December 25 was not the day Christians should celebrate as the greatest in history. That is a known and admitted fact. Why, then, was the Christmas feast fixed for that day? Our same happy philosopher gives answer, explaining that Christians were not, at first, united in the celebration of Christmas; some keeping it in January, some in April, and others in May. It was a pre-Christian force, he asserts, which drove them all into agreement on the twenty-fifth of December—the winter solstice, Yule—when the night begins to decrease and the day to increase, when the year turns and hope is born again because the worst is over.

"Peace on earth and goodwill to men." That was the same faith Burns preached when he hoped for the day "When man to man the world o'er shall brothers be." And that is the ideal we must ever strive towards, for (quoting Arnold Bennett) we see a "revolving globe that whizzes through elemental space around a ball of fire; which, in turn, is rushing with all its satellites at an inconceivable speed from nowhere to nowhere, and to the surface of the revolving, whizzing globe a multitude of living things desperately clinging, and these living things in the midst of cataclysmic danger, and between the twin enigmas of birth and death, quarrelling and hating, and calling themselves kings and queens and millionaires and beautiful women and aristocrats and geniuses and lacqueys and superior persons!" Surely after that vision you believe the barriers between men are only artificial—that a world brotherhood is possible. Our common humanity—let mankind but once grasp that and the great ideal ceases to be a idle dream and becomes a real hope, a certain prospect.

The British Government, Mr. Eden says clearly, emphatically, is not arranging a deal with Germany at the expense of the other Powers. Nevertheless, the colonial question is one which the Cabinet is facing and one which has to be faced squarely. At the outset, of course, it has to be realised that the so-called colonial question is not one but two. There is the immediate question, which is largely one of political expediency, of what to do under German pressure; and there is the long-term question of what is best for the colonial empires. One answer may fit both, but it is important that they should not be confused as they were confused in 1919. By distributing Germany's colonies as League mandates at the end of the war the Allied Powers took one step forward and one step back. The mandatory system itself was a tremendous advance in colonial theory; it marked the beginning of a totally new conception of empire. But it also helped to conceal the fact that two or three Great Powers, all of them hardened imperinlists, were grabbing the colonies of another Great Power as the reward of victory. As a result we are not quite certain to-day whether we have gone forward or back. If all that happened was that Britain and France added to their vast possessions at the expense of Germany, then Germany has a good case for demanding them back again; but if Britain and France really abandoned the old tradition of national possession then it is high time we proved our sincerity by advancing still further.

Unless, therefore, the French and British Governments begin at once to consider what they can do to extend the mandate principle to all their colonies, to revoke all economic restrictions, and, better still, to offer the mandated territories for international administration, it will be extremely difficult to resist Germany's demands.

Delaying, on various pretexts, for nearly a fortnight, the Japanese Government on Friday tendered its reply to the protest against the Panay. Mail was upon Japanese Mr. Hirota ventured to play the expressive been fully established attack was entirely al," a verdict which as making most as provocative reading the evidence of Hughes, wounded of the gunboat. Quivers find nothing else attitude calculate an outraged ion. The delay in the reply, moreover, in its main of factor upon which failed to calculate, of a film record which inhibited in cinema the United States: ing week.

Britain, it was announced in Tokyo, must wait longer for Japanese attention to the Ladybird Incident. No shrewd judgment was required to detect in this decision Tokyo's inherent recalcitrance or absence of any sincere regret. Inference was, obviously, that if the United States knuckled under to the Panay Reply, the British Government might prepare itself for an even ruder shock.

All portents suggested that far from a lessening of tension with opportunity for first anger to subside, there was a stiffening of attitude all round. In Tokyo, conflict between the military chiefs, between those of conservative views and turbulent radicals who are to blame for Panny Incidents, was barely concealed, and the final tone of the Japanese Note might be regarded as indicative of the outcome. Britain decided against immediate despatch of naval reinforcements to Hong Kong but in the background there was plain dissatisfaction with Tokyo's actions. The United

American States staged a minor naval sinking, "demonstration" at San Diego, insinuation and a round-up of Japanese innocence, fishing craft lent further substance to the belief that the American Government cannot long conceal its anxious concern over recent developments.

Unrest in Japan led to a wholesale round-up of anti-militarist organisations. Nearly 400 arrests were made of men prominent in political life, in an anti-Fascist direction. There is talk of Cabinet reshuffle as a result of plain indications that the Army are becoming more and more firmly seated in the saddle.

The recent incident at Castle Peak had a sequel in the lodging of a further British protest in Tokyo, with a demand for assurances that the territorial integrity of Hong Kong would be respected by Japanese naval and military forces. Twice this week, Japanese aeroplanes have been reported over Hong Kong territory, but the circumstances could not necessarily be interpreted as in the nature of a Japanese reply.

Tsingtao shocked Japanese susceptibilities severely by the sudden decision to destroy Japanese mill property in the town. The Japanese loss was in the neighbourhood of Yen 200,000,000 and subsequent developments have shown that Japan is not in the mood of permitting the incident to pass without sharp reprisals. Neutral quarters expressed surprise — that the mills had remained unmolested for so long.

Shantung emerged, following the fall of Hangchow, as the next main objective of the Japanese military and their movements threaten a pincer-operation which will demand all the generalship of General Han Fachu if his armies are to extend themselves. In the case of Shantung, Japanese stat-

ments suggested that there would be no pretence about Japanese occupations.. Puppets and puppets may govern parts of China, but designs envisage it as a Japanese province.

In Europe, the situation remained unclarified, although France and Britain appeared to be more pleased with the course of events. A sharp warning to Italy against persistence in her political propaganda calumniating Britain, through the Italian press and from Bari radio station, was delivered by Lord Stanhope, following a previous criticism in the Commons by Mr. Eden. Germany appeared to withdraw more and more from the implications of Italy's close support of Japan in the Far East.

The Commons debate on foreign affairs surveyed the international field exhaustively. Particularly interesting were the references to the colonial question. That Britain is ready to discuss the issue in association with all other interested Powers was made plain. Equally clear, too, was Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that during the Halifax talks, no negotiations were entered into, no proposals made, no pledges given and no bargains struck. Withal, Anglo-German relations are demonstrably on a better footing.

In Spain, General Franco received a disastrous shock on the Teruel front, where a Government offensive met with complete success. Real importance of the significance of the development was the shattering of the Franco plan of campaign and it is doubtful whether his drive against Madrid will be possible this winter. Those who regarded a final Franco victory as a matter of time, have failed to reckon first, with the fact of recent Italian withdrawals from the insurgent forces, and two, the collapse of the new Government.

SCRUTATOR

HAS the Bishop of London done the British stage a service by denouncing those few management men who require many of their artists to dispense with clothes?

I think he has. And I consider that Lord Cromer, who, in his official capacity of Lord Chamberlain, now has the thankless task of acting as the censor, has done the right thing by warning managers that nudity on the stage must stop.

No one likes the censorship. The stage ought always to be free, for the drama, like every other art, can only develop in an atmosphere of freedom. But public exhibitions of naked living flesh have nothing to do with drama and no visible relation to any form of art. Staged to titillate the senses of degenerates, they lower the standards of the entire theatre, and almost justify the denunciations of old-time Puritans who so vigorously declared that the theatre is the ante-room of Hell!

Those who are now denouncing nudity are in no sense Puritans. The Bishop of London is not "a prude on the prowl." He is a typical Englishman appalled by the increasing habit of certain managements to coin money by exploiting indecency.

not once, but many times, have I witnessed lovely young English Eves paraded on a London stage minus the covering afforded by a single fig-leaf!

One would not complain of that if the atmosphere of the theatre concerned was suited to such displays of beauty. Havelock Ellis, doyen of living British philosophers, tells how, when Bianca Stella danced unclothed in a Paris theatre, she,

"seemed to belong to another world. . . . To see Bianca Stella truly was to realise that it is not desire but a sacred awe which nakedness inspires, an intoxication of the spirit rather than of the senses, no flame of lust but rather a purifying and exalting fire."

"Some day," he adds, "perhaps, a new moral reformer, a great apostle of purity, will appear among us, having his courage in his hand, and enter our theatres and music-halls, to purge them. It is not nakedness that he will cast out. It will more likely be clothes."

That is the considered opinion of a philosopher who also happens to be an artist; but the dancing Havelock Ellis saw in Paris 30 years ago was totally unlike the fleshy shows the Bishop of London is now denouncing.

gramme described as "decorations."

From the seat in the stalls which I habitually occupied, my eyes inevitably were directed to a girl whose eyes as inevitably fixed on me.

Throughout the show we were both unhappy and uncomfortable. I was convinced we were both ashamed—I because I happened to be there, she because she quite obviously hated her employment. Very soon I struck that theatre off my visiting list, and never since have I crossed its threshold. . . .

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Many girls are on and off the stage, always more undressed than dressed, for 12 hours daily, on six days in each week. If the wages of some of them exceed two guineas a week they can be accounted lucky.

They learn nothing for they are taught nothing, and their dancing is so elementary that its badness must be seen to be believed. What happens to many of them when their girlish charms begin to fade beneath the limelight, social workers engaged on rescue work in Soho and Shaftesbury-avenue alone have power to tell.

Typical of this employment of girlish loveliness were the "striptease" acts produced in certain West End houses not many months

My own view is that such managements do not understand their own business. At bottom, the issue now arising does not turn on clothes or no clothes. It is a battle to maintain the British theatre on the higher planes of Art.

Nowadays there is no mystery whatever about the curves and contours of the human form. In fact, managers might well take a lesson from Antiole France who, in his "Penguin Island," demonstrated once and for all that the female of our species only becomes alluring when the secrets of her body are concealed. But it is one thing to adorn the stage with differing beauty. It is a very different thing for unimaginative producers to rely on an assemblage of nakedness to fill the stalls.

True it is that the number of managements which sink so low is very small. But I can testify that

is now denouncing.

I could name certain theatres in the West End where between six o'clock and midnight women members of the audience are conspicuous only by their absence.

Both stalls and circle are crowded by hard-faced business men whose ages average more than 50, and whose coarse faces betray their salacious thoughts and lapidocious desires. With passions inflamed by whisky and plenty of money in their pockets, they appear ghoulis crowded in a market where shapely girls are paraded for their delectation.

What many of the "Jovellans" think of the manner in which their physical attractions are exploited their eyes and faces often tell. Some years ago I had regularly to visit a certain theatre which employed several lovely girls in their early teens as what the pro-

West End houses not many months ago. In not one of those acts was any trace of Art or Beauty. The solitary excitement attendant on each act is when at last the girl can strip no further; and it is much to the credit of London audiences that managements soon realised that stripping which delighted Broadway drunkards could count on no large support in West End theatres.

As one who serves the theatre in the capacity of a critic unafraid to speak his mind, I resent conditions that cause the Bishop of London to denounce shows that befoul its glory. I hate all showmen whose Behaviour prompts the Censor to enforce his authority. Even if it be granted that Drama at its best is but illusion, it is untrue to itself whenever it offers nothing more ennobling than naked reality.

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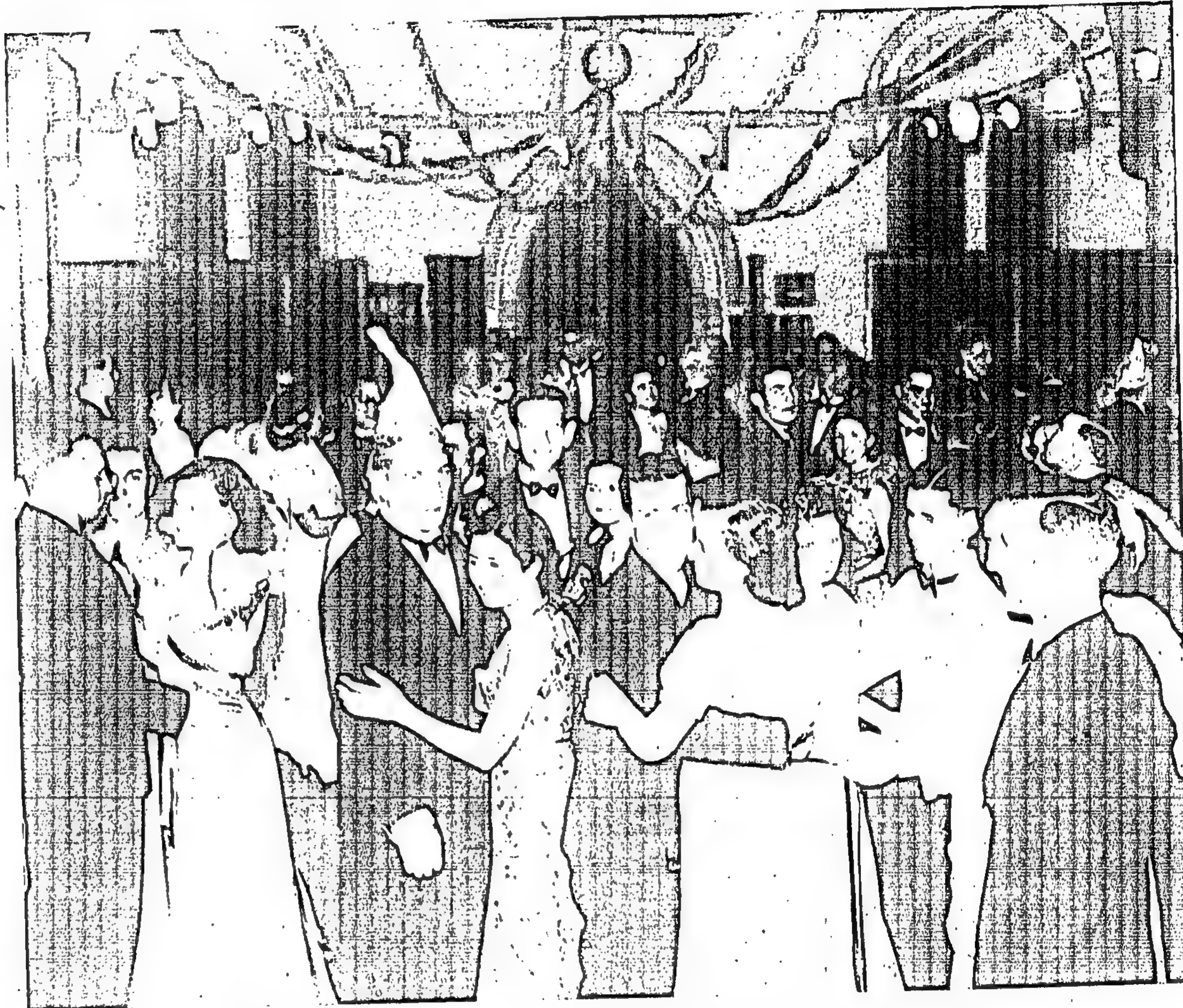
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A general view of the dance floor at St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance last Saturday. ("Herald" photo).

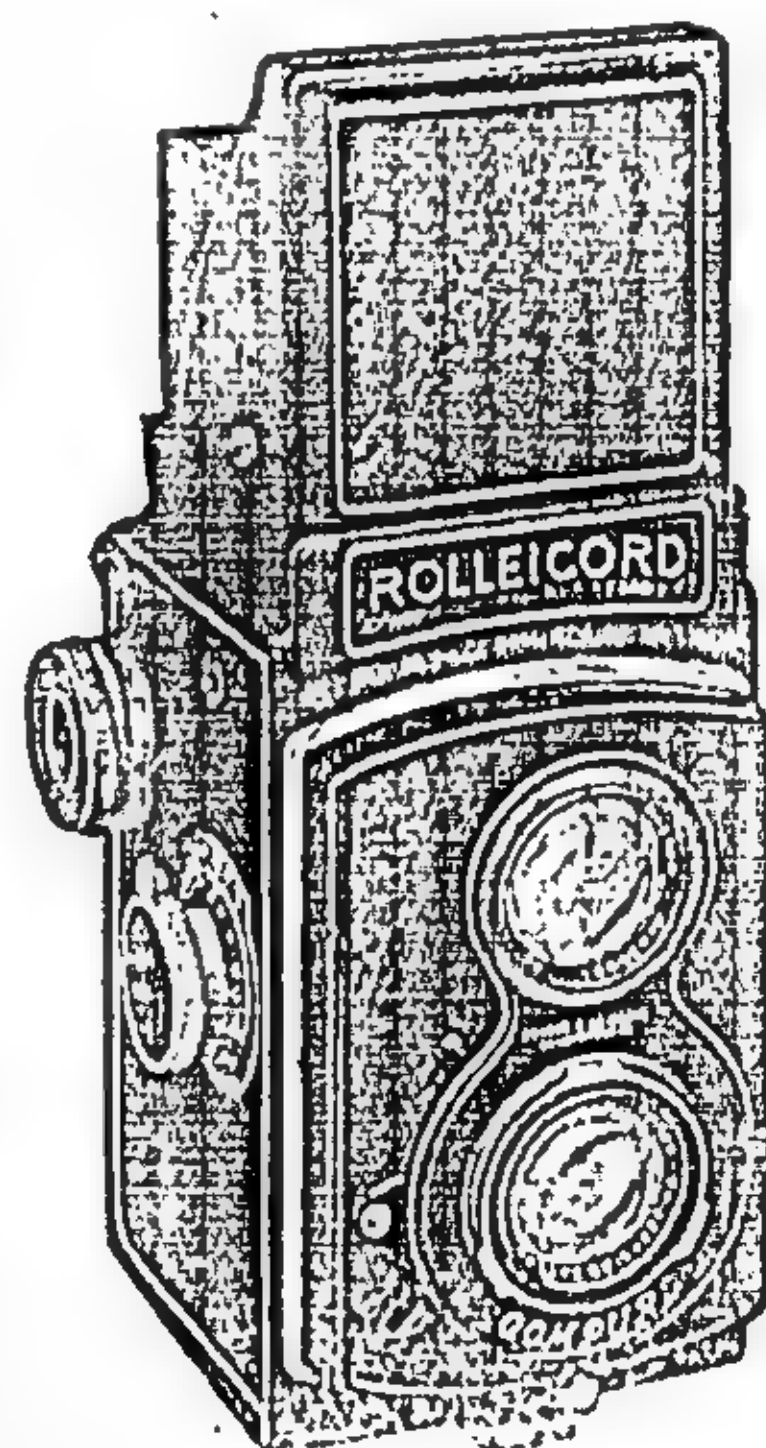
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"The Queen of All Birds," by Pau Shu-yan, on view at the one-man Exhibition at China Building.

A Weekly Common-Sense Talk

BY L. KNIGE.

This Week I Discuss: The Importance Of The Water We Drink — Or Should Drink

from the system as efficiently and as speedily as possible.

There is no cleansing agent as important as water, not only for the exterior of the body, but for the interior, from the crown of the heads to the soles of the feet. It is a simple matter to drink a glass of water, yet the results of the act are marvellous. A very small portion of it enters the intestines, but by far the larger quantity is absorbed into the blood and enters immediately into the circulatory system with this life-giving fluid. It is important to know something about where our water comes from and what it contains. In Hong Kong there are five sources of water supply, all five make it possible for you to reach into the ice box and have a glass of Nature's most wonderful refresher. Briefly here are the types.

1. RAIN WATER before filtration always contains more or less impurities, but suspended and dissolved. Unless unusual care is taken about its cleanliness through filtration an analysis shows that it contains organic and inorganic substances.

2. SPRING WATER which as a rule is the purest type of water supply. Should you be fortunate enough to have a spring in your grounds it is an easy matter to have spring water analysed or tested, and once tested and approved the purity can generally be relied upon.

3. RIVER WATERS. Directly rain water comes in contact with the land it acquires fresh impurities. Most river water usually is dangerously impure, and offers great menace to health unless properly purified by filtra-

tion. If such water be taken and passed through an adequate filtering plant, carefully and conscientiously conducted, the water becomes safe for drinking purposes.

4. SURFACE WELL WATER is practically the same as river water, except that it is likely to be even more polluted. Mosquitoes are particularly fond for breeding purposes of this type of marsh forming water.

5. DEEP WELL WATERS are generally palatable and wholesome. The same remarks about analysis for household purposes also apply here.

Here are some simple ways for the detection of impurities. Water for drinking must fulfill certain conditions. There must be no smell, either when fresh or boiled. The taste must be pleasant and fresh. When a large full reservoir is looked at, it must not be cloudy or yellowish, but of a pure blue or bluish-green colour. Take a walk to the Tylam Reservoir some Sunday afternoon and you can see the exact colour of which I write. Live drinking water always contains the three gases of the air, namely oxygen, nitrogen and carbonic acid. The reason that boiled water always tastes insipid and flat, is because

it has lost these gases. To be slightly technical there should never be less than two to five cubic inches of gas in solution in one hundred cubic inches of water of the water we drink.

Some chemists contend that water should always contain a few grains of mineral matter dissolved in it, such as carbonate of lime, sulphate of chloride and nitrates of sodium, magnesium, etc. These mineral matters, however, should never exceed thirty grains in an imperial gallon of water, which weighs ten pounds, or more correctly, seventy thousand grains. Other chemists declare that all such mineral matters are impurities, and that the less of them our drinking water contains the better. This seems the right view.

FILTRATION OF WATER. Household filters when not properly cleansed are a source of danger instead of prevention. You should make a point of seeing that your own filter has proper care.

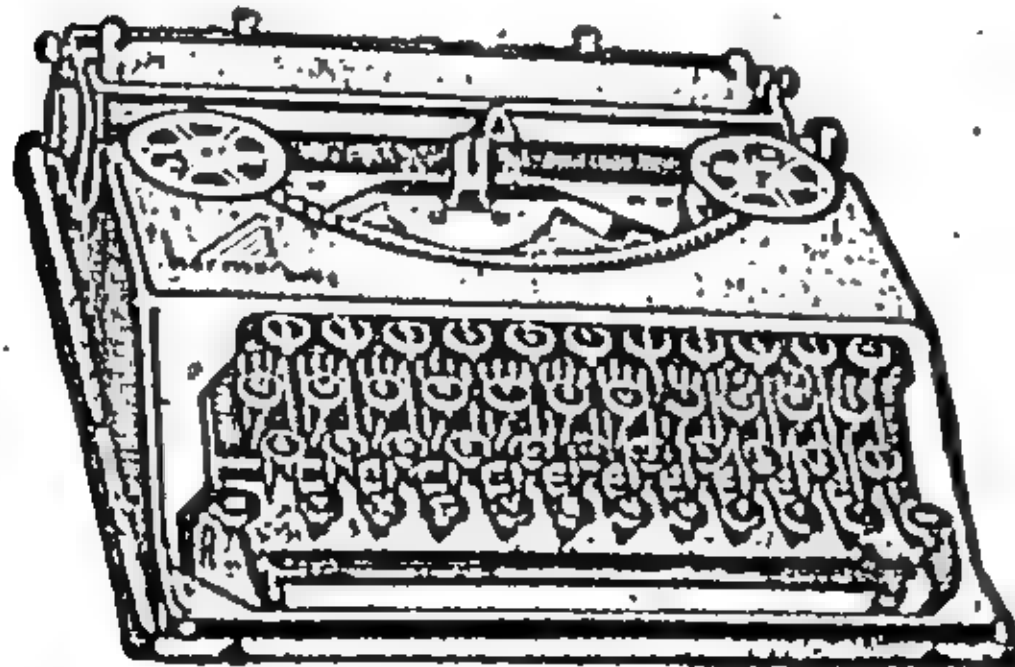
DISTILLED WATER. There has been much discussion locally as to whether water should be used in its "raw" state, boiled or distilled. The possible sources of danger to water in its "raw" state have already been presented. Where, there is any doubt as to its purity it should be avoided, though from the admittedly cursory examination I have made of our local supply I would say that

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Mainly about WOMEN

THE Princess Royal has changed her style of hair-dressing. Instead of a "bun," she now wears her fair hair in a neat roll high on the nape of her neck. This looks charming with the little toque hats which she prefers. She wore a hat of this shape at the wedding of Lady Diana Legge and the Hon. John Hamilton-Russell, which she attended recently. It was of tiny massed flowers of pale green, cyclamen, and beige, with a veil of stiffened beige lace. With this the Princess wore a coat and dress of matching beige.

The qualities necessary for a doctor's wife have been drawn up by Mrs. A. S. Keck, president of the American Medical Association auxiliary and herself the wife of a Pennsylvania heart specialist. Here are her commandments, which she states she has followed "as much as humanly possible":

- (1.) The doctor's wife must be a good business-woman, and able to keep up a good appearance on a limited income.
- (2.) She must be intelligent and able to meet her husband on an equal intellectual basis.
- (3.) She must be patient and possess a sense of humour.
- (4.) She must be diplomatic, standing as she does between the public and a tired, overworked man.
- (5.) She must not become angry at broken social engagements or late meals.
- (6.) She must be ready to carry on for him in civic and religious ways.
- (7.) She must combine the abilities of a nurse, secretary, and telephone girl.
- (8.) She must have social poise and steady nerves.
- (9.) She must never violate a doctor's confidences.
- (10.) And, above all, she must refrain from gossip.

Dr. Keck is a very lucky man.

Fair-haired Gillian Maude, the actress, grand-niece of Cyril caused something of a stir when she dined at a famous London restaurant wearing a "yashmak" of dark-coloured chiffon. There was an even greater sensation when she raised her veil to eat, and it was seen that her face beneath it was bright purple. She was suffering, it was learned later, from a poisoned face caused by putting stage make-up over a scratch from a rusty nail, and the doctor painted her face with gentian violet to draw out the poison. At first she did not dare to go out, but the "yashmak" solved the problem.

A close friend of Florence Nightingale died recently. She was Miss Flora Masson, the Scottish authoress, and daughter of Professor David Masson, one of Edinburgh University's most famous teachers of English literature. As a child Miss Masson was taken to hear Charles Dickens read extracts from "Oliver Twist," and Robert Browning, Thomas Carlyle, and Coventry Patmore were frequent visitors at her father's house. So was the young James Barrie, then a student at Edinburgh University.

On the day her new book was published, Miss Betty Askwith, daughter of Lord and Lady Askwith, announced her engagement

to Mr. Walter Wigglesworth, a barrister.

In collaboration with Miss Theodora Benson, Miss Askwith has written a series of most entertaining and witty books, including "Lobster Quadrille" and "Seven Basketsful." Her new book, "How to Become Famous," also written in collaboration with Miss Benson, is a skit on the lines of "1066 and All That." Soon she will have another book, "Erinna," coming out which she wrote alone.

Miss Peggy Prior, of London, has been left £500 because she was a good listener. Peggy, who served beer for four years to the weekly meeting of football club directors in a Lancashire hotel, used to listen intelligently to the conversation, and this pleased Mr. Richard Robinson, a former chairman of the club, who has now left her £500 in his will.

A brave woman is Mrs. Mary Southern, who has sailed from London for Penang, in the Federated Malay States, to live with her son, Mr. Robert Southern, who is superintendent of a leper colony at Pulau Jerajak, Malaya. Mr. Southern's wife refused to accompany him, so his mother determined that he should have companionship in the eight remaining years of his contract in Malaya.

In 1931, the Alpha held its first modest show of members' work in a room in Wardour Street, Soho. Recently, the Duchess of Kent opened the sixth annual exhibition in the opulent premises of the American Woman's Club, Mayfair, and the Alpha Club can now be said to be definitely on the map. The Duchess, in a black velvet suit and little hat composed entirely of coq feathers, made a charming speech, and afterwards spent over an hour inspecting the various stalls. The Alpha Club is affiliated with the British Women's Hospitality committee, of which Lady Vansittart is president, and one of their special activities is the entertaining of the foreign buyers who come each year to the British Industries' Fair. Almost every branch of business and professional life is included in the membership, and one glance at the list would make any mere man realise just how formidable a rival the weaker vessel is. Always supposing, of course, that such a creature ever did exist outside his own imagination!

One member is the only representative of her sex on the Incorporated Society of Advertisement Consultants, which sounds very awe-inspiring, indeed; another was the first woman entertainer to broadcast from the B.B.C.; still another owns a fleet of those sandwich men who perambulate the streets of London advertising plays, perms, and palmists. There is a dog-breeder, a dentist, a woman detective, a political public speaker, a clairvoyant, a hand lacemaker, a policewoman, a farmer of silver foxes, a maker of Viennese delicacies, and a tea and coffee blender.

Yvonne Arnaud holds the fort for actresses; Naomi Jacobs represents writers; while Mrs. K. Webb, a director of Hutchinsons, proves that a woman can even penetrate into the holy of holies in a publishing firm.



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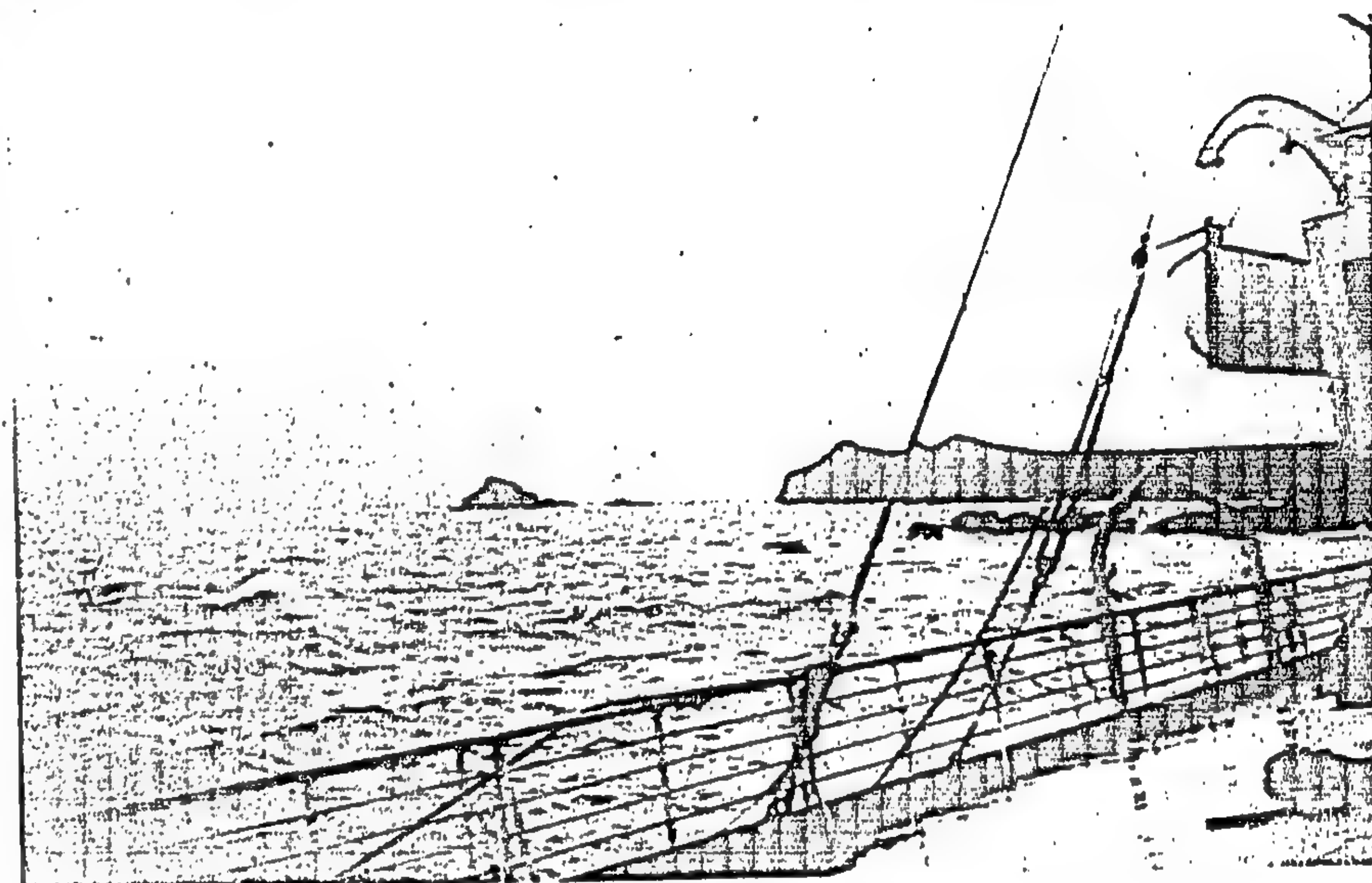
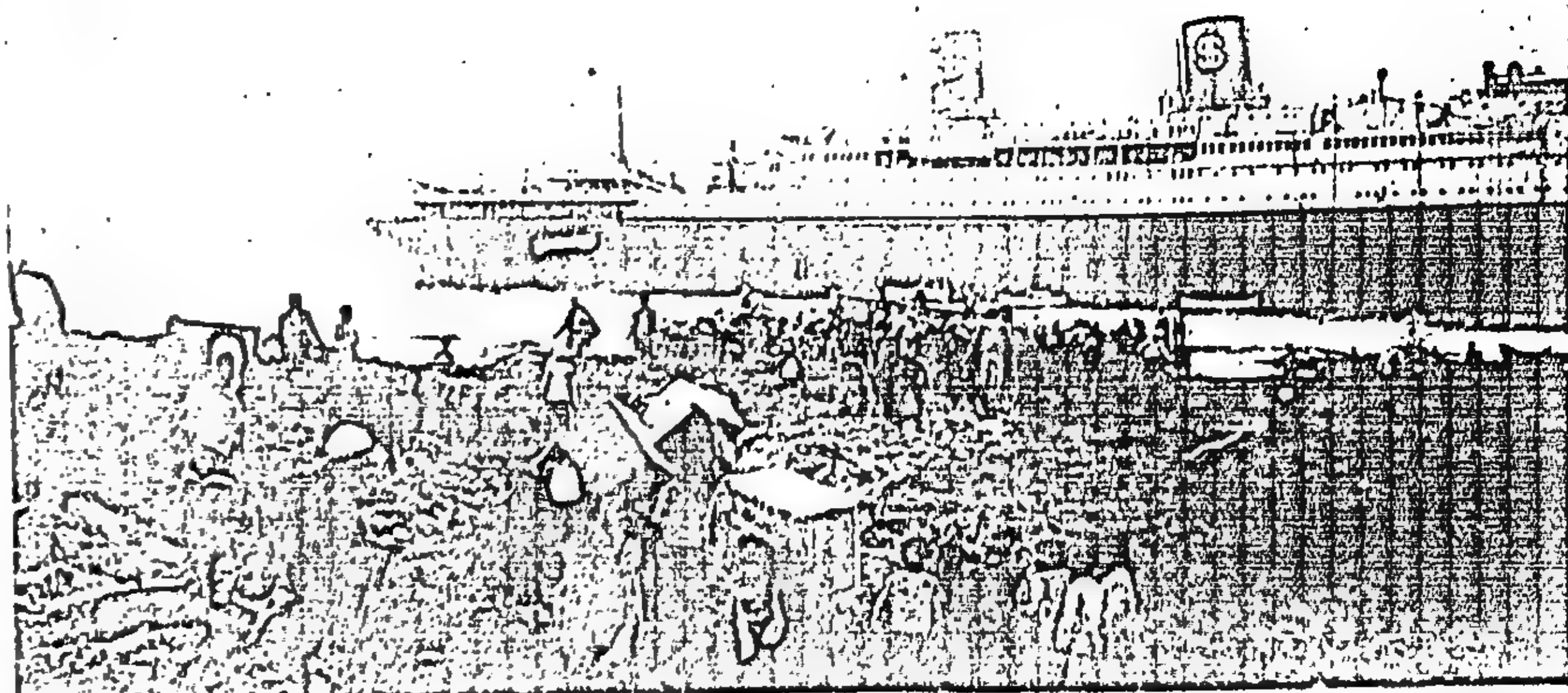
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(Top)—A general view of the scene on shore, with the "President Hoover" in background, after the giant luxury liner had gone ashore on Hoishoto Island, and (Below) a vivid impression of the rough seas on the windward side of the liner as she lay on the rocks. (Photos: Mrs. Alistair Drummond).

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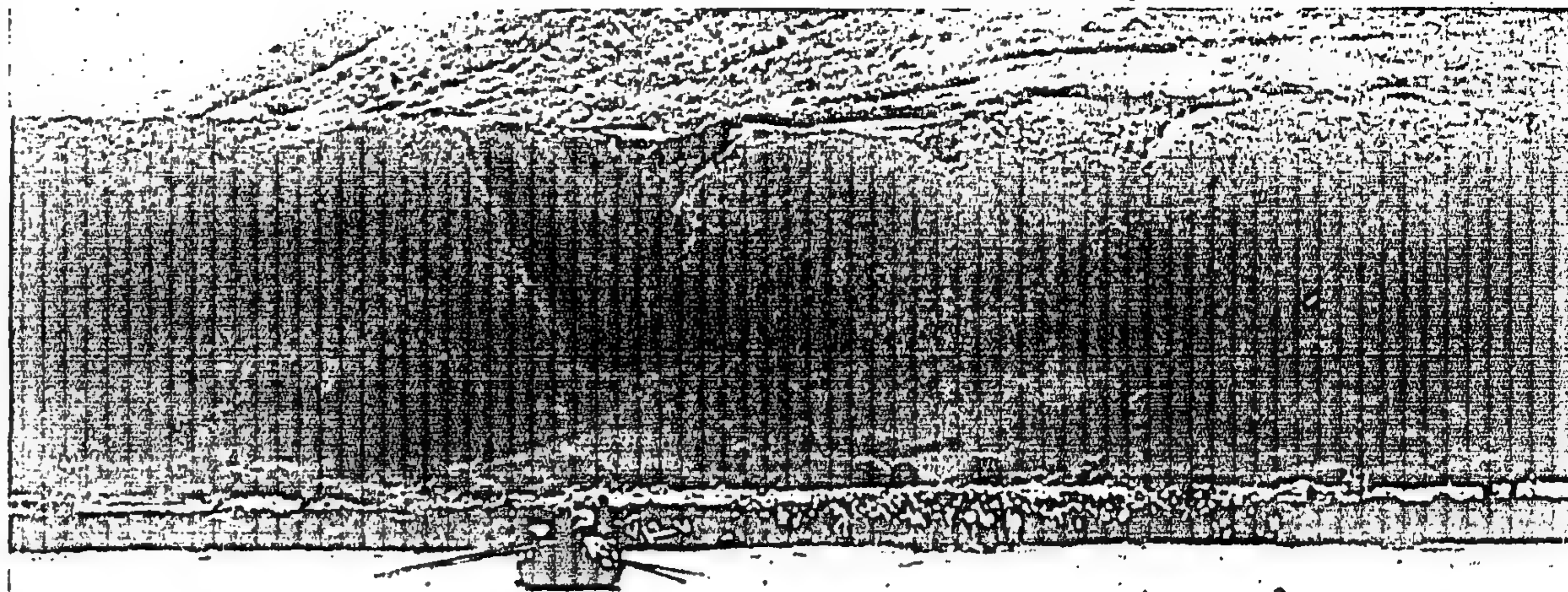
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The passengers and crew of the "President Hoover" on the beach under the towering cliffs of Hoishoto Island. (Photo: Mrs. Alistair Drummond).

The Importance Of The Water We Drink—Or Should Drink

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everything which can be done to ensure perfect cleanliness is rigorously carried out by the authorities.

Many people think that boiling water is the best way to be rid of all impurities. This is a grave mistake. Not only does boiling water deprive it of its "life" by forcing out the gases of the air but the purest portions are carried away in steam. The result is what impurities there were in the water remain practically unchanged, but condensed, and are made more obnoxious by the evaporation of the liquid which was most nearly pure. Boiled water should always be aerated before drinking. This is done by pouring the water from one vessel to another several times so as to thoroughly mingle the air with it. This will take away the flat, insipid taste and restore some of the gases driven off during the boiling.

In big cities where millions of gallons of water are consumed in the cleansing and thirst quenching of the citizens it is most often found that the water supply in the taps is brought amazing distances. For instance part of the water drunk by the people of Manchester (England) is taken by pipe line from the outflow of Lake Ullswater in Cumberland. Perhaps one of the longest deliveries of water in the world and one of the most romantic too is the water pipe line which runs from Perth, the capital city of Western Australia, to Kalgoorlie, just over or just under four hundred miles in length!

Not so many years ago Kalgoorlie was only another piece of waste bushland, then gold was found in almost fairy tale like quantities. During the early days of the discovery there was no laborious mining for one of the earth's richest treasures, as the nuggets were found often on or within a foot of the surface. Around Kalgoorlie at Coolgardie, Menzies, etc., equally rich strikes were made but none of the fields could be properly developed simply through a lack of water. The building of the world's largest water pipe line was the solution of the difficulty and also the actual means to the production of many millions of pounds worth of gold.

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Should you be particular as to your water supply for drinking purposes to uses of distilled water is recommended. This can be purchased, relying upon the known integrity of the firm producing and disposing of it for purity; or the water can always be distilled in your own kitchen.

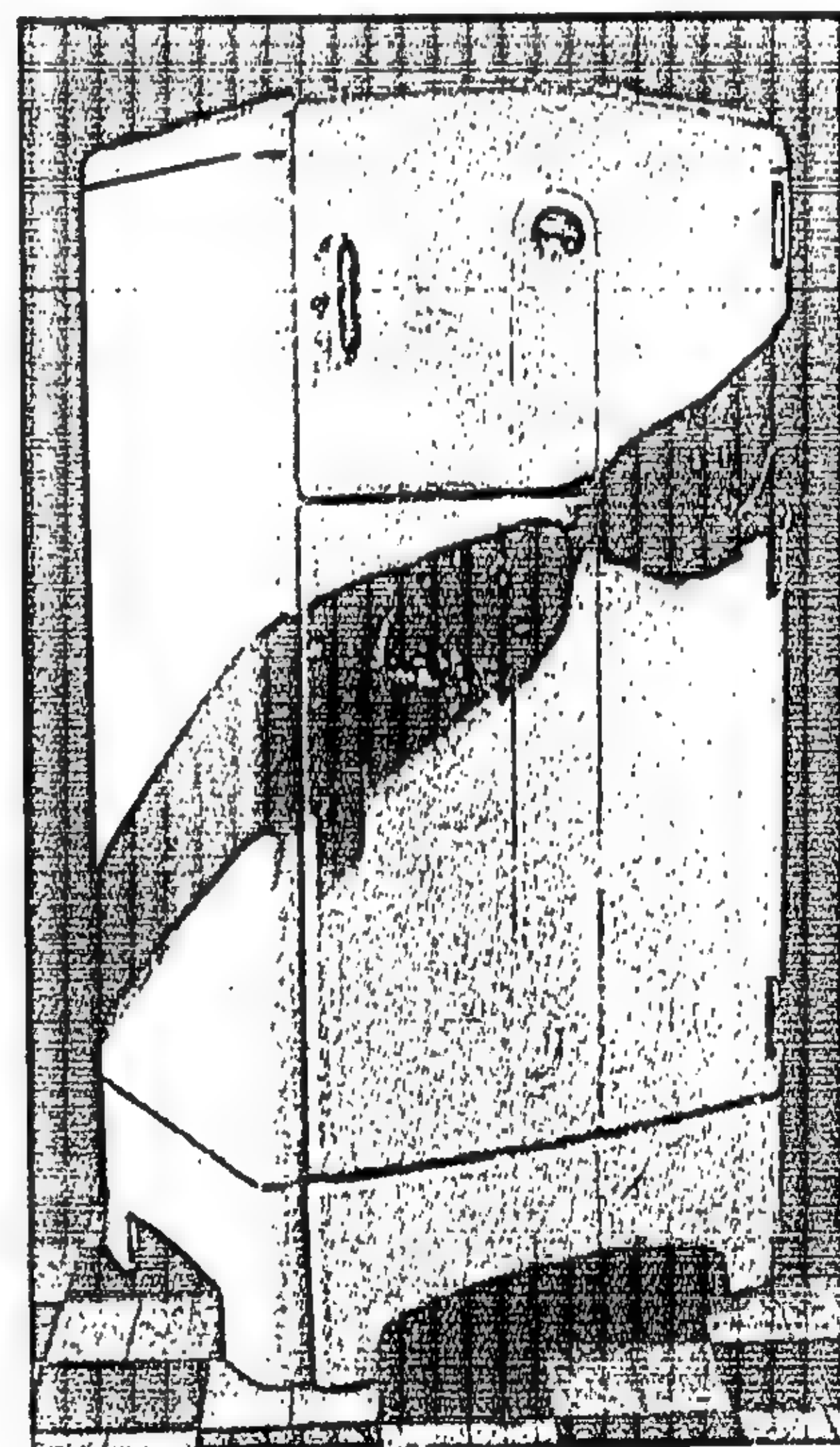
ICE WATER—the continual drinking of ice water is not a natural habit. It has to be acquired and the baneful and injurious effects upon the body cannot be questioned. Never touch an excessively cold drink immediately after any form of physical exertion that has caused the body temperature to rise, wait until the perspiration has absolutely cleared. Tummy trouble, etc., can occur if this warning is neglected.

HOT WATER—there is no doubt whatever that in many cases of disease, the use of hot water is beneficial in washing the accumulation of slime, mucus, yeast germs and undigested food from the stomach and increasing the peristaltic action of the intestines. But it does not necessarily follow that what is good to change an abnormal condition of disease is either necessary or good for a body that is in a state of normal health. The natural drink at all times for a man in his normal condition is cold water, though, if it is a matter of choosing between tea or coffee and hot water, preference should certainly be given to the latter.

In some countries the people have a habit of adding a dash of this or that to the cold water they drink. Generally the idea is just so much nonsense. Should water be contaminated the disinfectant necessary to put the germ matter out of action would also get a very doubtful, and not overlong, reception in the drinker's stomach. The addition of "dashes" for prevention, are simply cold water spoilers.



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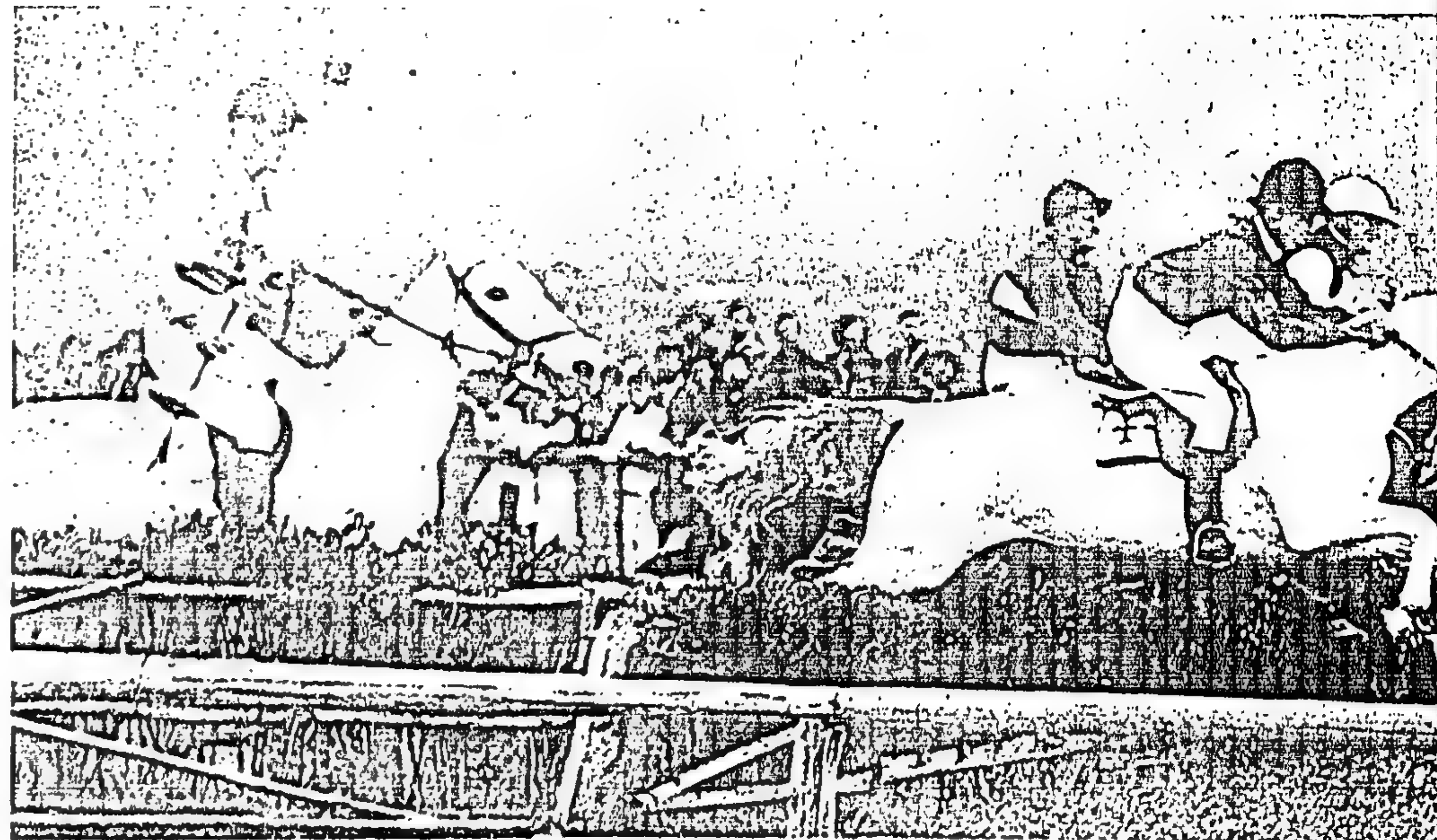
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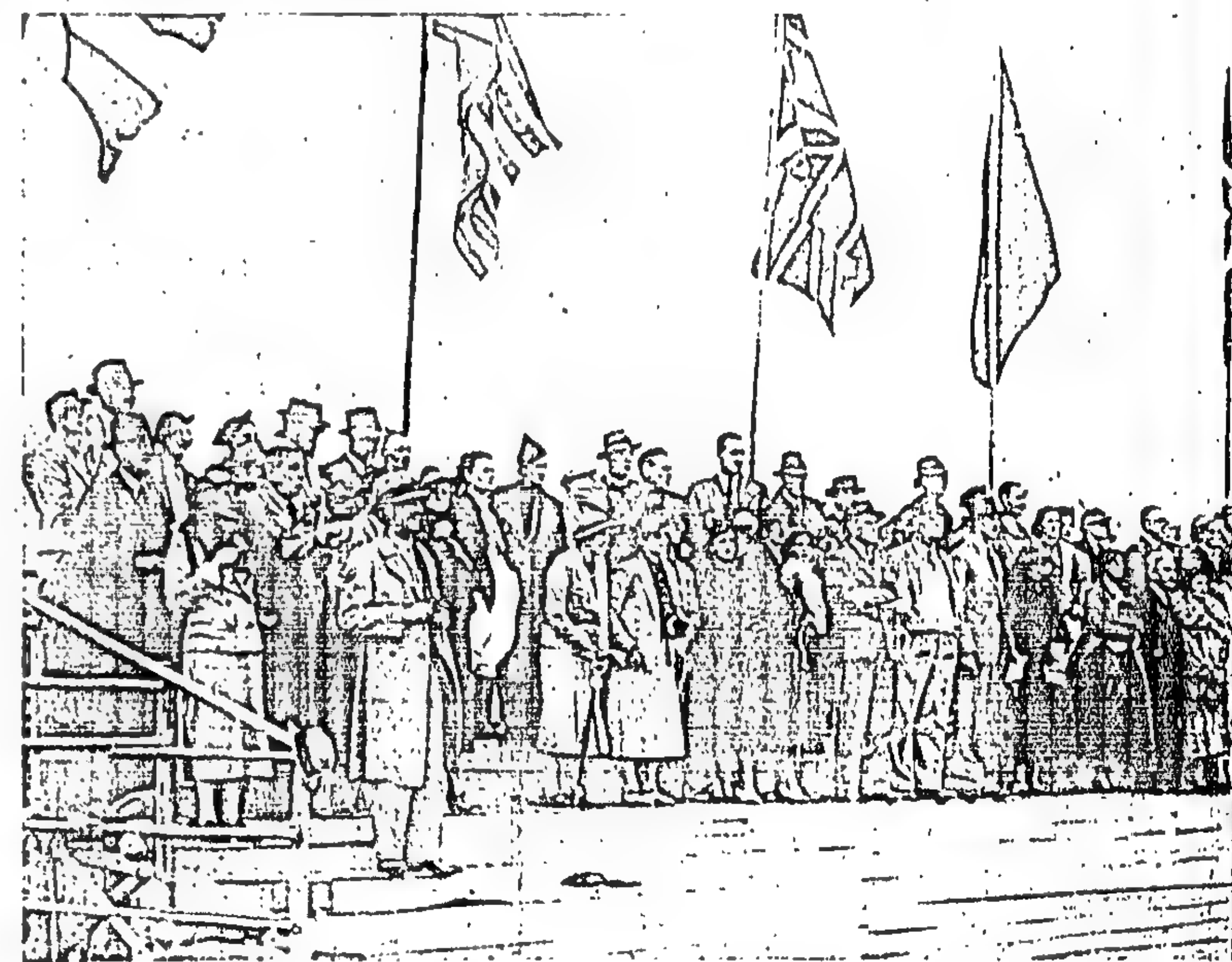
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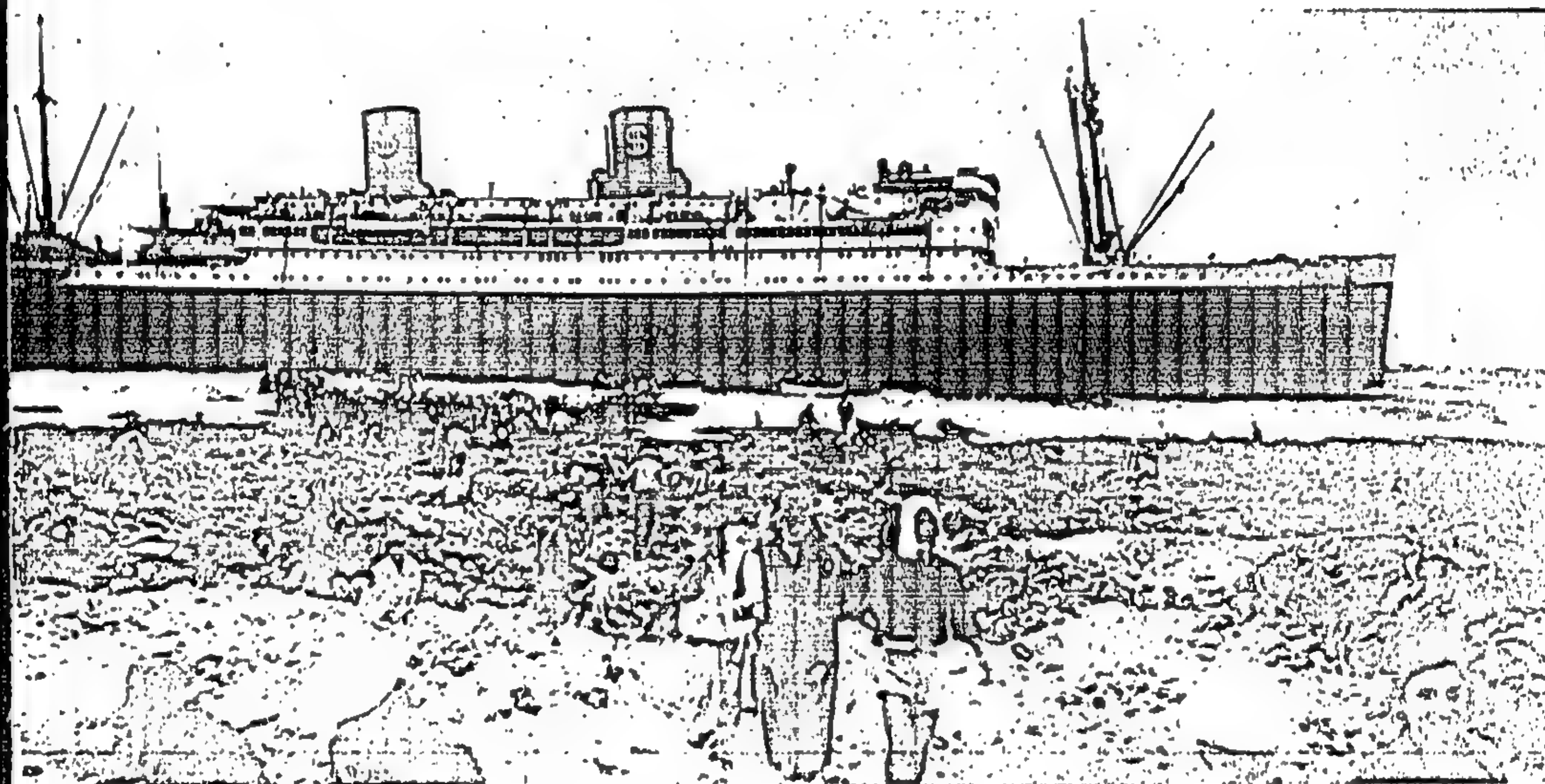
Spectators at Fanling on Sunday. On extreme left are the Governor, His Excellency B and Lady Northcote. ("Herald" photo).

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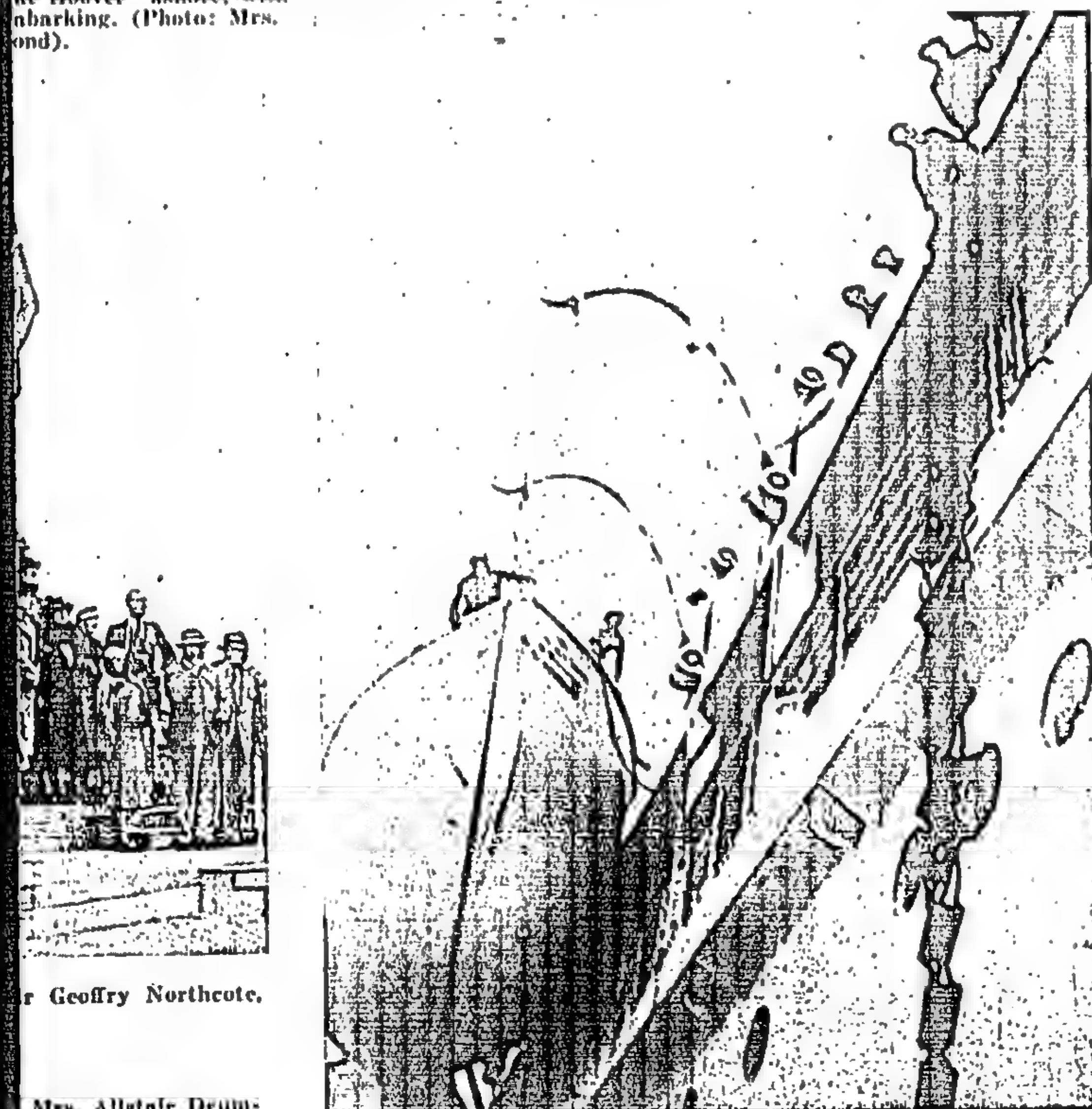
A graphic shot taken from a lifeboat being lowered from the "President Hoover." (Photo-mond).



A scene from "Robinson Crusoe," the Y.M.C.A. Pantomime. ("Herald" photo).



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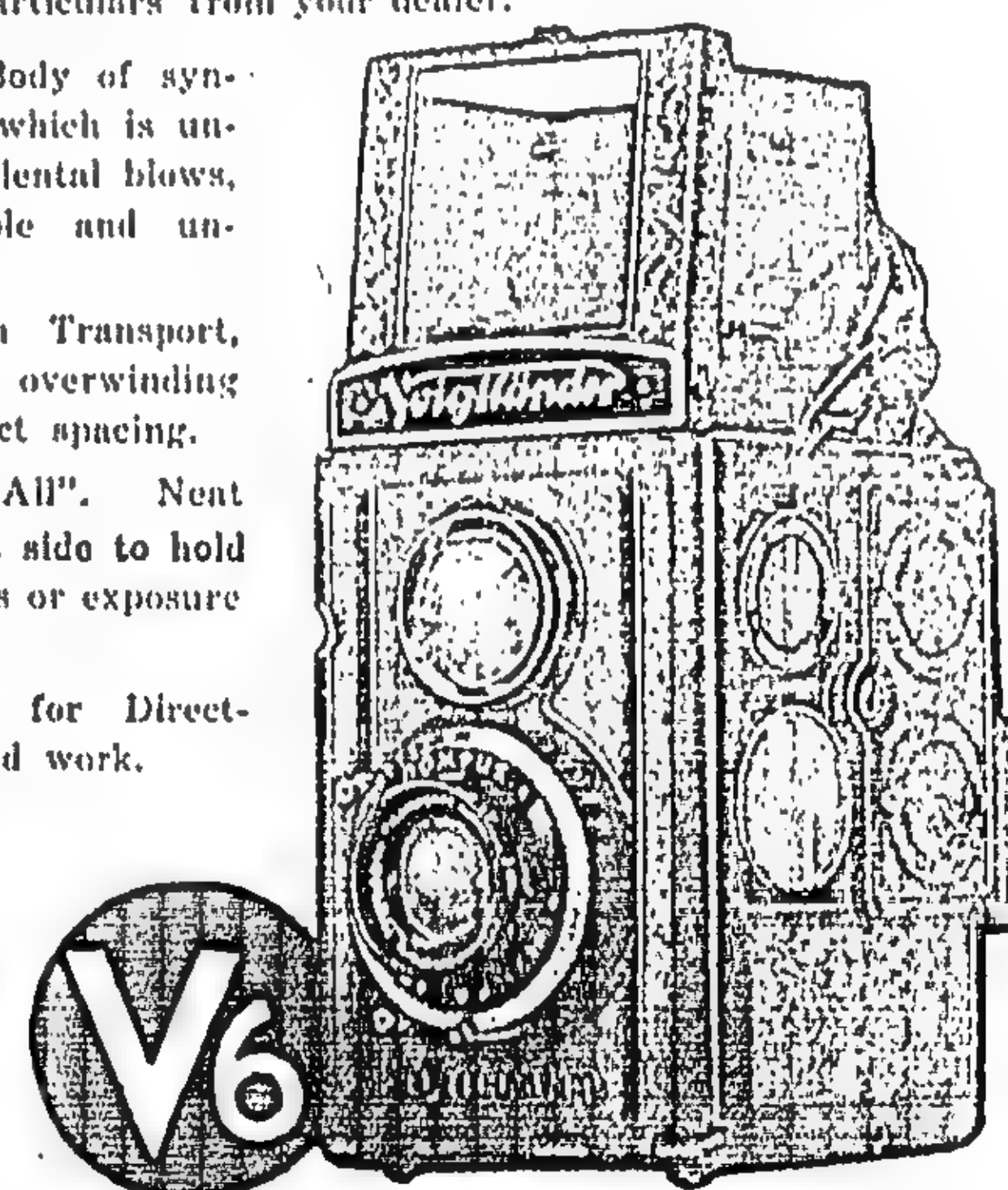
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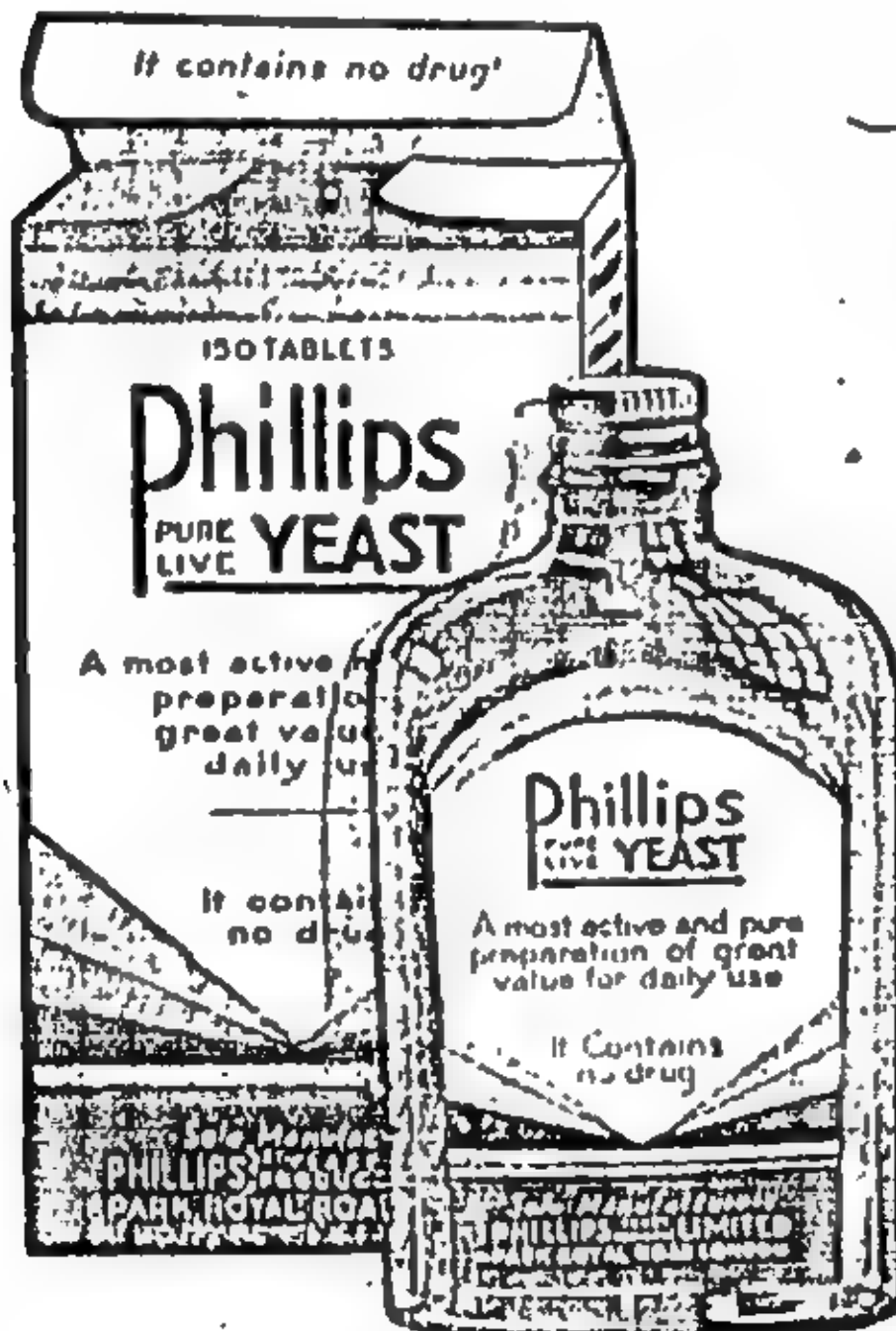


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ABOUT TOWN

"I HAVE constantly noticed that English readers do not take very kindly to novels that have for their theme the adventures and misadventures of men of letters," Sir Hugh Walpole says. His desire to write the story of his great friend, John Cornelius, who died in 1921, evidently over-rode this theory, as for the last four years he has been occupied with "John Cornelius, His Life and Adventures," which has just been published by Macmillan.

John Cornelius as a writer experienced great failure and great success, and in neither of them could he find the peace of mind he sought, and which he always believed to be just beyond the reach. A romantic idealist, it seemed impossible for him to come to terms with the world of reality. His friend considers that he belonged to the small group of unique amateurs of literature—Goldsmith, Beddoes, Fitzgerald, Peacock, Lewis Carroll, Kenneth Grahame—men who, learning no rules, acquiring no professional efficiency discover kingdoms that are theirs and theirs alone.

THE TANG OF THE SEA

John Cornelius was born in 1884 in a small English seaport town. From the very beginning he breathed the sea, in all its moods and habits, into his very soul, and that is why so many of his stories—"The Mermaid Who Lost Her Comb," "The Crab With the Broken Claw," "The Fisherman and His Three Sons"—have the sound and smell of the sea in every line of them.

There could have been little else in his childhood surroundings to stimulate his imaginings. Daisy Cornelius, his mother, lived in a world of steaming clothes. Her laundry work, which supported the family, was always behind-hand. Stout, red-faced, and perspiring, she was always in a bustle, always despairing because things were not done, always amazed at the muddle of life, always cheerful, except when she had drunk a drop too much, and then her temper was uncertain.

John's earliest remembrances were of the long hours spent beside the sea with his father, who would talk to him about Penny Hall and the old days when he was a gentleman, or read long passages from Shakespeare to him. It was then that he developed a love for the theatre.

Later, when John's desire to write, and his complete confidence in the future took him to London, and later still when Merin Otterstone married him and endeavoured through her wealth and his success to give him a social standing, he remained faithful to those earliest remembrances of his parents home a realness that was lacking in his London house.

DO SHORT WAVES AID HEALTH?

DO the short-wave television transmissions from Alexandra Palace affect the health of those who work nearby?

One studio official I know declares that they do and says he feels fit and invigorated while near the transmitters.

"I think the radiations must induce an artificial immunity which is rapidly lost once we get out of the area of intense radiation," he told me.

"Otherwise how can you explain the fact that I am fit and well at work but invariably ill and stricken with colds and depression when on holiday?"

But official B.B.C. frowns upon any such suggestion.

"There is no evidence to show that the health of people either at Alexandra Palace or beneath the short-wave transmitter at Broadcasting House is affected either one way or the other," I was told.

The Marconi Company, however, pointed out that there is a distinction between the deliberate use of short-waves for medical work and their alleged accidental influence.

"We have a subsidiary company which builds transmitters for use in hospitals," an official said. "The transmissions may have very beneficial effects. On the other hand, we always ridicule any idea that mere proximity to a short-wave transmitter can effect health."

CASTOR OIL GAS MASKS

MODERN scientific needs have discovered a new use for sun-flowers and castor-oil. They are needed in order to safeguard civilian populations from gas attacks.

The leather in gas-masks does not keep mustard gas out very satisfactorily unless it is specially treated. Sunflower seed oil or castor-oil is treated with oxygen and then with silica; result—a clear, sticky fluid. This fluid is treated with sulphur and diluted in water. Leather soaked in the mixture is impregnated without being hardened, and mustard gas cannot get through.

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One theory is that the atoms of mustard gas are charged with one kind of electric charge, and the atoms in the oils embedded in the leather are charged with the opposite kind. Then the atoms of the poison gas and the oils stick together by electric attraction.

EX-KAISER SUMMONS HIS RELATIVES

THE ex-Kaiser has summoned a family council at his home, Doorn House. His eldest son, the former Crown Prince Wilhelm, was the first to arrive.

He was affectionately welcomed by his father, who had not seen him for a considerable time.

On December 10, the ex-Kaiser's sister-in-law, Princess Irene of Hesse, arrived with Prince and Princess Waldemar of Prussia.

It is understood that their discussions will touch on important family affairs, and also indirectly on the estate of the late Grand Duke and Duchess of Hesse, who were killed in the recent air crash at Ostend.

The ex-Kaiser, as head of the large Hohenzollern family, supervises its financial affairs, including taxation. Out of the income from his estates in Germany he assists financially many of his less fortunate relatives.

The restrictions in Germany make the management and financing of the Hohenzollern property more and more difficult. The ex-Kaiser has his own office in Berlin in the charge of Baron von Sell.

At Doorn House plans are being made for Christmas. The ex-Kaiser will be 79 on Jan. 27. He is in good health and still cuts trees and saws wood on the estate of Count Bentinck at Amerongen.

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Outstanding successes have been achieved by B.S.A. cycles in recent motor-cycle trials in England. In the Midland Centre Group trial, S. Bell, riding a B.S.A. 500 Empire Star won the trophy for the best performance of the day, and H. Tozer, riding a similar machine with sidecar, secured the award for the best sidecar performance.

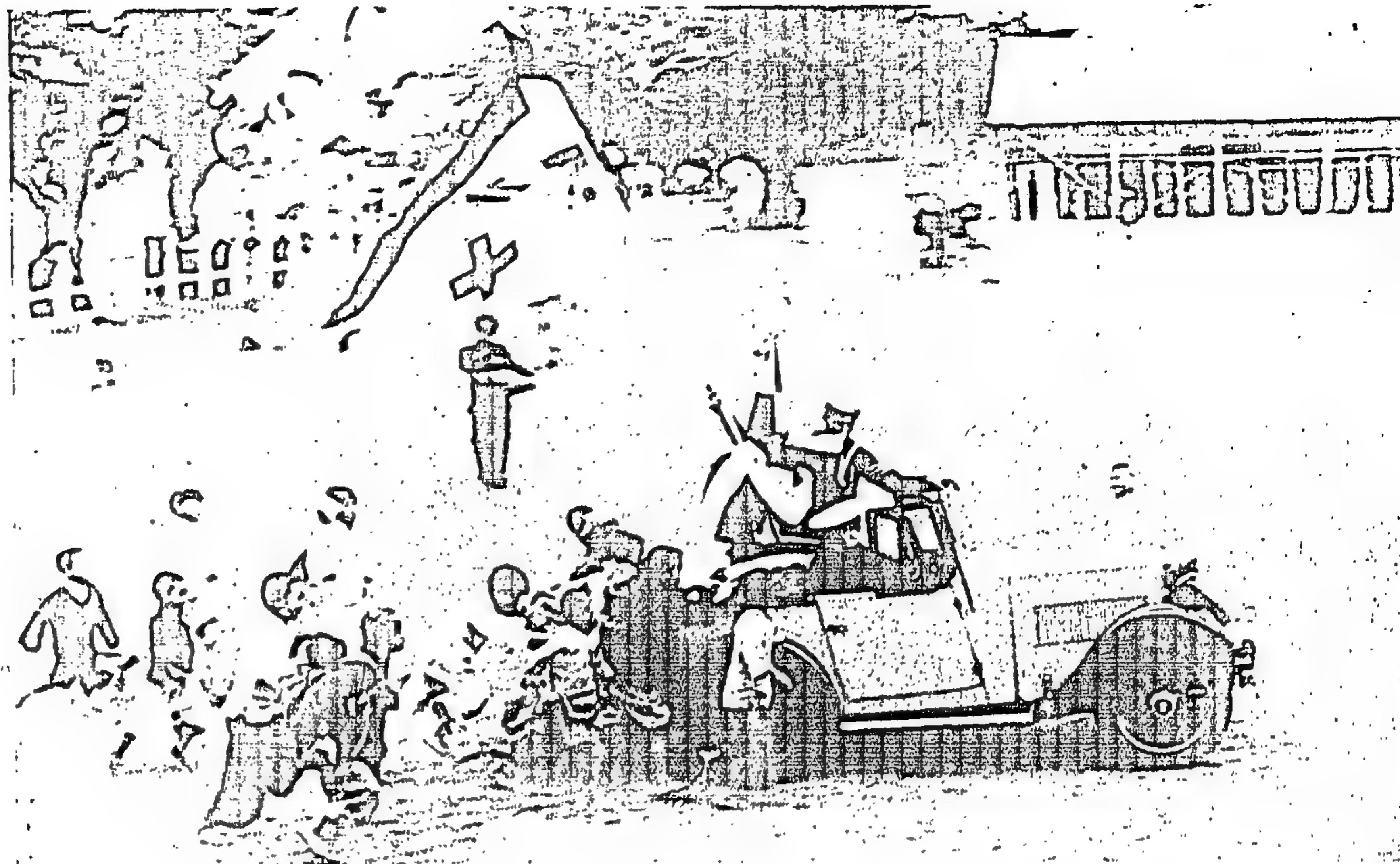
In the Alec Ross Trial and the Southern Trial, Tozer again won the trophies for the best sidecar performance, while Bert Perrigo, on a B.S.A. 350 ohv, won the prize for the best solo performance. The British Bicycle Company are the local agents for B.S.A. motor-cycles.



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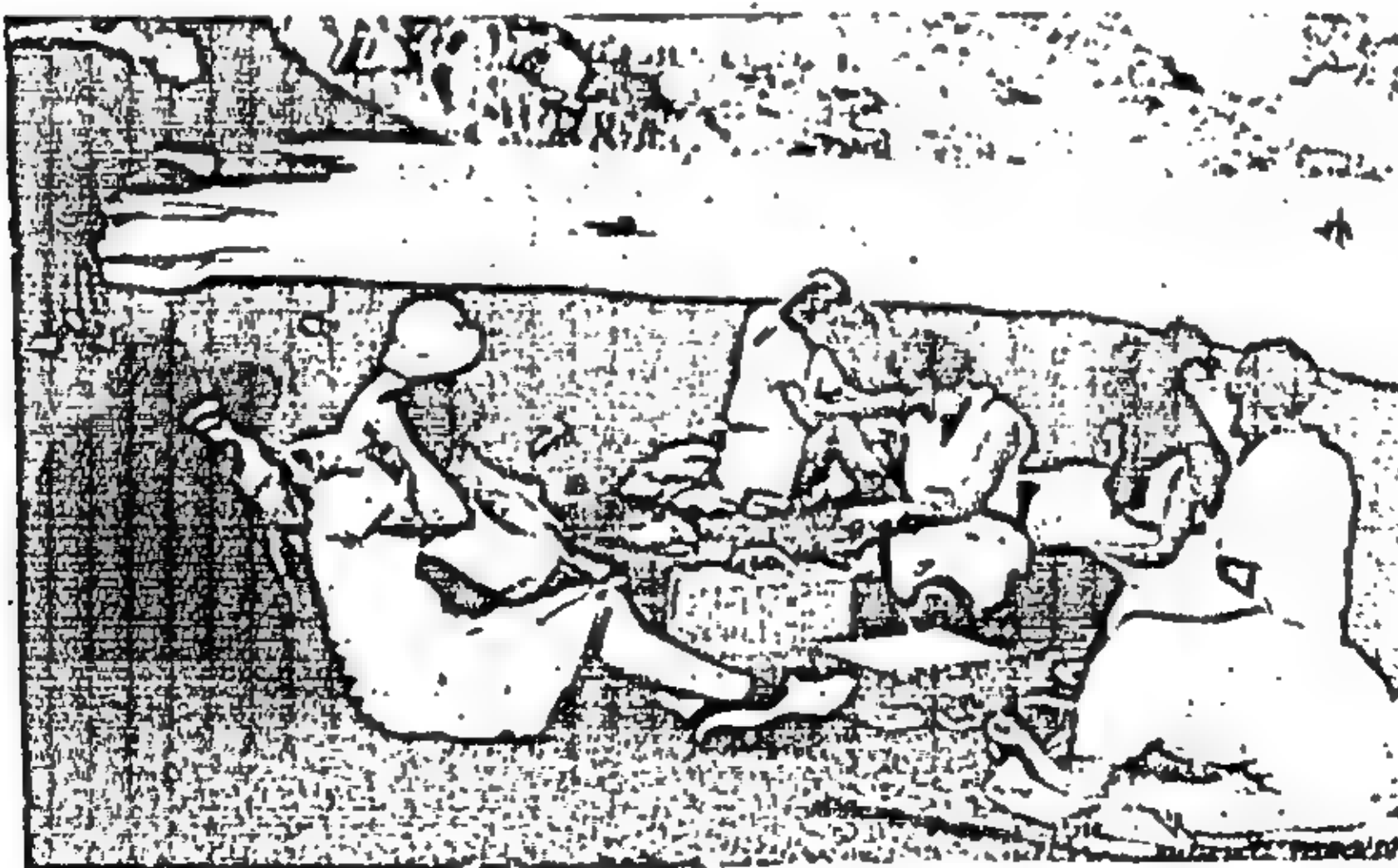
Early In With The Christmas Spirit



"Whoopie," or fun and games after a football match on the Navy Recreation Ground last week.



Heads to it in the Middlesex-Kowloon Chinese First Division match last Saturday. ("Herald" photo).



A half-time photo of the Hong Kong Ladies' hockey team during their match with C.B.A. ("Herald" photo).

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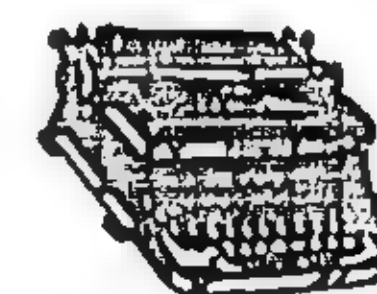
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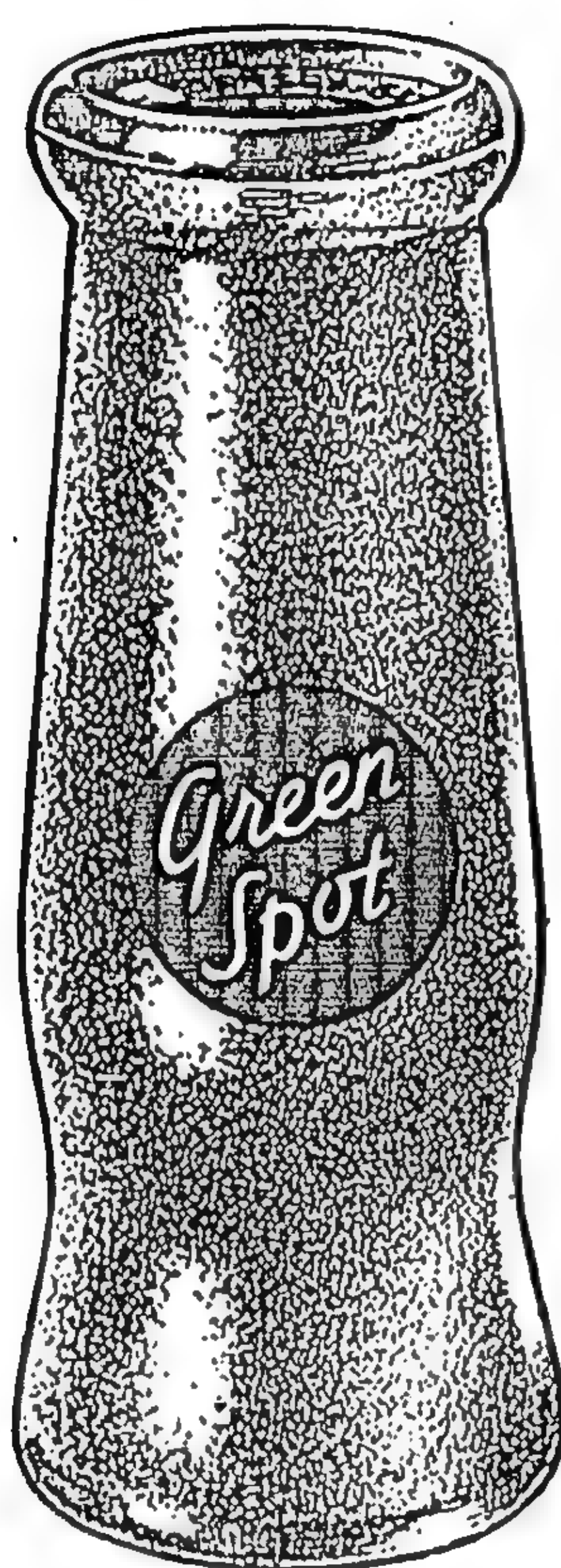
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Lau Hing-choi, the South China "A" pivot, is at present suffering from injuries, but expects to be playing early in January.

The return of Fisher-Cooke, the Ordnance centre-half, has greatly strengthened their defence and has enabled the Ordnance to create the biggest surprise to date in the Shield series, when they ousted a strong Kowloon team last week.

Emberson and Munton are playing good football at present and are the most dangerous of the Ordnance forwards. They should stand a good chance of inclusion in the Colony side against Macao, if the match is played this season.

Sports Chatter

A very interesting football game will be played on January 2, when the British Isles encounter Hong Kong on the Club ground. The British Isles will have the services of the players from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Royal Ulster Rifles, while Hong Kong will include in its line-up most of the South China players, Beltrac, Hussain, and Costa. Lee Wai-tong will referee this game.

Lee Wai-tong played his first game of tennis last Sunday and is satisfied with the progress his broken leg has made. He sincerely hopes to play soccer against the Corinthians in February.

Andy Wilson, the Colony and Club inside-left, played at left-half for the Club last week and gave a very creditable display in that position. His passing left nothing to be desired, and it now appears as if he will hold that position permanently.

France, who plays for the Signals and Small Units at hockey, is also a good soccer player. He was the most dangerous forward against the Middlesex last week in the Junior Shield.

The Air Force Junior Shield draw last Saturday against the Portuguese Sporting Association team was not totally unexpected in view of the fact that the Air Force had been strengthened by several new arrivals. Bartlett and Mapstone shone in the forward line and with more understanding this team should do even better in the replay.

Gough, the Police soccer pivot, who sprained his ankle at the athletic sports, is making good progress and will soon be on the field again.

The greatest credit must be given to Brittain, the Police footballer, who played a great game as pivot against South China "A" last week. Brittain has been a familiar figure on the football field for many years and is always ready to fill any position in the team. He must be now the oldest player still taking an active part in the sport.

Hurst, who turned out for the Royal Engineers against the Royal Navy in the Junior Shield last Sunday, is leaving for England by the next Army transport in January. He has played in all three of the Sappers' Junior Shield championship teams.

Lieut. Elliot, the Navy Rugby captain in the Colony, had recovered from his operation for tonsillitis and it is quite probable that he will turn out for the Navy against the Club in their return Triangular Rugby Tournament encounter next Saturday at Causeway Bay.

RM. Hamilton, the former Hong Kong Area swimming champion, who was in Shanghai with the Rifles when the last Area Swimming sports were held, will be leaving the Regiment as he leaves for Home late in January on the next Troopship. Hamilton is seriously thinking of entering for the Irish 100 Yards free-style swimming championship, the present best time for which is in the region of 61 secs., and, as he has done the distance in 59 2-5 secs. in the European Y.M.C.A. bath and in the Foreign "Y" Pool in Shanghai, he stands an excellent chance of becoming champion of Ireland.

R.S.M. Henniker, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who was in charge of the Battalion soccer team and who was largely responsible for their victory in the 1936-37 League Championship, did not leave the Colony by the Dilwara for India because of the illness of his wife. He hopes to rejoin the Battalion in India by the next Army troopship, late in January.

By the Judge

The European Y.M.C.A. hockey section will be losing the services of one of their outstanding players next February when A. G. "George" Cox leaves the Colony for Home to take a special course. One of the mainstays of the "Y" defence, Cox is in line for Inter-Port honours providing he can regain the form he displayed prior to injuring his right index finger some weeks ago.

It is hoped that the annual charity football game between Hong Kong and Kowloon Schools, which is generally played on New Year's day on the Kowloon Football Club ground will again be held next Saturday and that better support than in the past is given the fixture by both players and spectators. The standard of School soccer has advanced amazingly through the introduction of the Hong Kong Boys' Amateur League and several of their encounters rival the best First Division League matches for thrills and "football as it should be played."

The Hong Kong University Mixed Doubles badminton team are sorely feeling the absence of Miss Ulian Khoo for their League fixtures. Now that she has finished her examinations, however, it is possible that she will be turning out.

I was told recently by E. L. Goasano, skipper of the Recreio cricket eleven, that he considers his youngest brother, Jerry, to be the most promising sporting member of the family. He is an exceptionally fine cricketer, is the finest soccer player at La Salle College and, among other sports, is a first-class swimmer.

Congratulations to S. A. Gray, the K.C.C. tennis player and cricketer, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Freda Godfrey.

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MAFUI

I notice that a contemporary carries a paragraph deprecating a statement in these columns last Sunday to the effect that Sub-Lt. Kyrke was considered faster than Frank Pereira at his best. "I have played against Kyrke more than once recently," he writes. I must confess that although I have not had that pleasure, my statement was based upon opinions furnished by cricketers such as Teddy Fincher and other members of the Volunteer side who, I venture to suggest, are fully competent to form such an opinion.

Congratulations to H. L. Ozorio, the hockey player and cricketer, who has just passed his final examinations and is now the third doctor in the Recreo cricket eleven.

H. M. "Polly" Xavier, who many years ago was one of the most reliable batsmen in the Second Division, has come out of his retirement and intends to turn out regularly for Recreo in the future.

St. Teresa's Young People's Society have added badminton to their activities and are rapidly attaining a very fair standard in the game. A friendly match was played last Monday against Kowloon Tong, which gave a very fair indication of the enthusiasm prevailing at the Club.

I am told that there is a distinct possibility that the Badminton Association will hold a Ladies' Doubles League this season. Recreo have a wealth of talent

and should be able to enter more than two teams, while Kowloon Tong will also be able to field quite a good combination.

D. S. Blake, formerly of Hong Kong University, and an excellent all-round athlete, has just joined the H.K.C.C. and turned out for that Club in a friendly game last week.

B. G. Baker, the Police opening bowler, missed his first cricket match for the P.R.C. for several seasons, last Saturday. His services were greatly missed as the Navy just managed to hold out until stumps were drawn.

C. B. Wong, South China Athletic Association tennis player, is contemplating taking up softball shortly. He will probably join the Hong Kong English Forum.

"Chris" Pile, the Police left-back, beat B. G. Baker recently to win the Police Recreation Club Tennis Singles Championship.

A. Eastman, former Kowloon Football Club soccer captain, recently returned to the Colony from leave. Judging from his play in the Second Division last week it is almost certain that he will soon be promoted to his former position in the First Division.

The University will shortly be losing another of their prominent badminton players in P. E. Tan, who is leaving for Malaya at the beginning of next year, having successfully completed his final examinations at the University.

M. A. Oliveira, of Club de Recreo, is playing much better than previously. He and J. J. Remedios stand a very good chance of carrying off the Colony Men's Doubles Badminton Championship this season.

The Victoria Recreation Club swimming pool has been completely tiled, making this one of the most attractive pools in China. Racing lines are provided in the manner of red tiles, which, when the pool is illuminated, show up very distinctly.

With the return of Mrs. Milne, formerly Miss Edith Thomson, to the Colony, the "Y" Ladies should be able to field a very powerful intermediate line comprising Mrs. Milne, Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. R. Henry.

An outstanding Rugby player—he played for the Navy at Home at stand-off-half—A. Walsham, of H.M.S. Adventure, is also a fine hockey player and recently led the Royal Navy attack against the Club in a Triangular Tournament encounter. Very fast off the mark, he has not yet adapted himself to local conditions, but should be very good when he does so.

It has been intimated that the Middlesex Regiment will be entering the local Baseball League next season.

Several members of the Royal Corps of Signals who have played baseball in England are thinking of forming a nine in the Colony.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weekly Pay Envelope Army Full-Back Solution

Sir,—As an ardent follower of local hockey I cannot understand why in the face of recent reports, which I will quote later, has Gnr. Carter, skipper of 24th Heavy Battery, R.A. hockey team, been passed over by the Army Selection Committee. He was given a trial on December 4 at which I was present, and I fully agree with the report published in the "Sunday Herald" dated 5-12-37, which said "of the four backs on display Gnr. Carter proved much the soundest."

I went to see the Army v Club game and was very much surprised to find that he was not playing. On the same evening Tuesday, 14th, I read in the "China Mail" an article by "Sticks" and found that he too was impressed by Carter's display by naming him as one of the four backs for an Interport Trial, and yet this brilliant full-back cannot get his place in the Army team. Why?

I think that there are many in the Colony who have played against him, or seen him play, who will agree with me when I say that he is the finest full-back that the Army have.

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No beauty treatment can hide the unattractive results of Night Starvation. You have to get rid of the cause. Do you know that you burn up energy even while you sleep? Breathing alone takes 20,000 muscular efforts during the night. Unless energy is replaced during sleep,

of course you wake feeling and LOOKING tired—Night Starved, in fact.

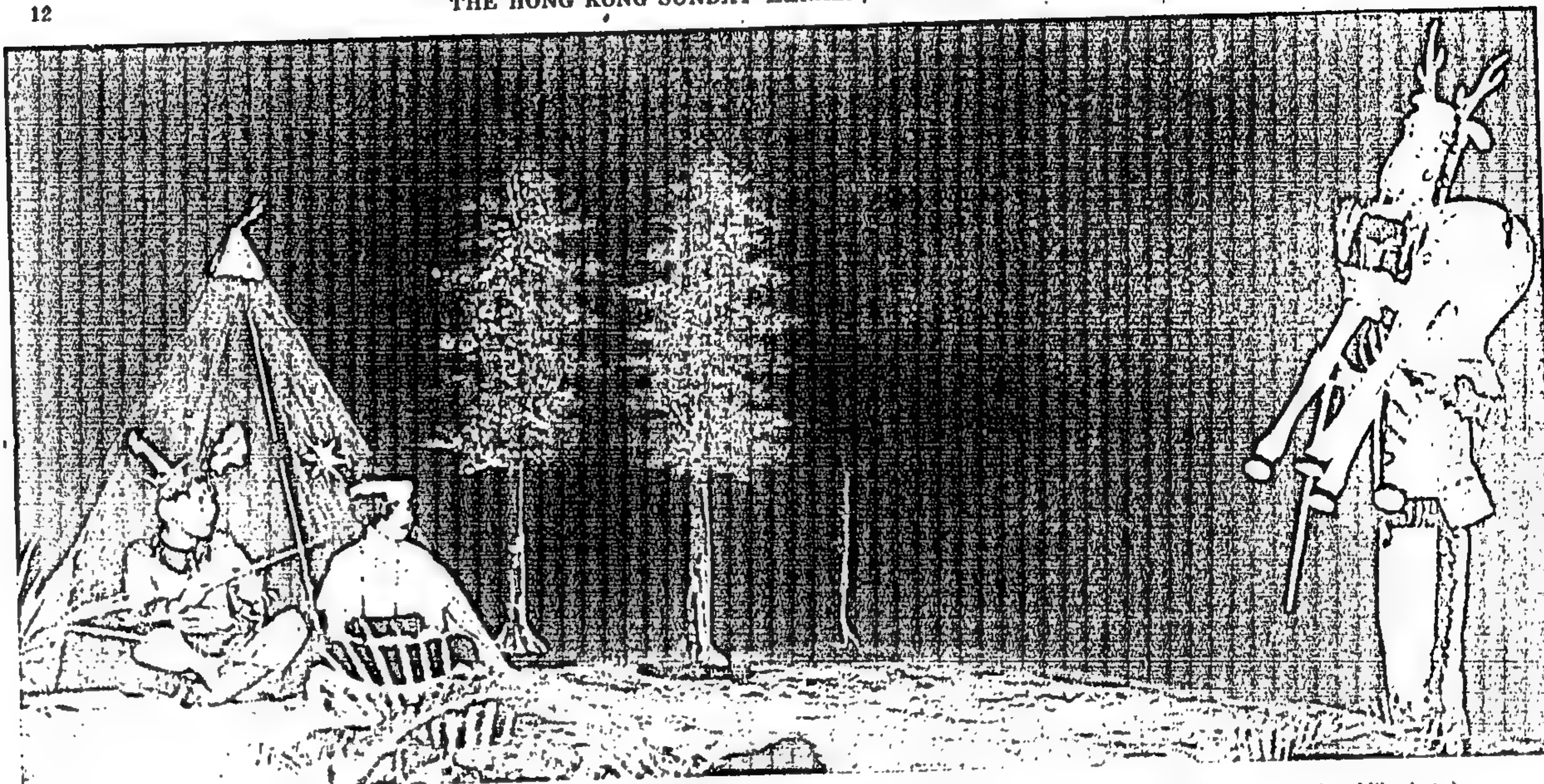
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A pretty scene from the play given by pupils of the Peak School before breaking up for the Christmas holidays. ("Herald" photo).



A scene from "Robinson Crusoe," the Pantomime presented by the Y.M.C.A. ("Herald" photo).



Marion Paterson, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Paterson, of 196, The Peak. (D'Asia Studio).



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Chiang Kai-Shek On Nanking Government's New Policy

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Hankow, Yesterday.

IN an important interview granted to press representatives here yesterday, General Chiang Kai-shek discussed the plans and aims of the Chinese Government, and commented for the first time since leaving Nanking on his plans for further resistance. "Never in history has destiny struck China such a blow as to-day," declared the Generalissimo. "For the first time in history, the Chinese people are inspired by but one will—to resist to the end."

"We have suffered severe losses but we are in a position to replace every soldier, so that from the point of view of human material no difficulty is to be feared."

"Chinese resistance will increase with the passing of time, and this fact will soon become obvious."

NEW POLICY

"The policy of offering massed resistance to the Japanese is being relinquished in favour of guerrilla warfare, which will render the enemy's advance more and more difficult."

Queried concerning supplies of arms and ammunition, in view of the blockade, General Chiang said that the principal lines of supply are now from Indo-China, via Yunnanfu, and from the Soviet, via Kamsu.

SZCHUEN ROAD

Several hundred motor lorries have already made the trip from Indo-China, he declared, and a modern military road is being constructed in Szchuen for the purpose of obtaining a direct route from Russia.

The Generalissimo emphasised that Sino-Soviet relations would not be allowed to interfere with China's internal policy, which was based on Sun Yat-sen's Three Principles.

JAPAN'S POSITION

Thanks to increasing sympathy in many foreign countries for the Chinese cause, and the gradual increase in China's military strength, Japan's situation was becoming increasingly unenviable, this being aggravated by internal problems and financial difficulties at home.

The Generalissimo expressed complete confidence in an ultimate Chinese victory.

Pope And Germany

Vatican City, Yesterday.

We pronounce that there is a real and genuine religious persecution in Germany to-day notwithstanding denials, said the Pope, in addressing cardinals at a Christmas Eve reception.

He added: We deny the accusation that the Church pursues not religion but politics.

The Pope compared the charges to those made against Christ before Pontius Pilate and referred to Christ's reply.—*Reuter*.

FIRE ABOARD THE STRASBOURG

Paris, Yesterday.

Press reports state that a fire broke out yesterday on board the new 36,500-ton battleship *Strasbourg*, now under construction at St. Nazaire.

The conflagration is said to have started in a tunnel shaft for electrical control cables amidships. The fire was got under control.—*Trans-Ocean*.

ANOTHER LABOUR VISIT TO SPAIN

London, Yesterday.

Another party of about twenty Labour members of the House of Commons and Labour Peers is expected to visit Spain early next year in response to an invitation from the Spanish Government.

The tour is being arranged by Mr. G. R. Strauss, Labour member for North Lambeth.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Replying to a question concerning China's attitude towards Germany, he stated: "China is grateful for the sympathy accorded her by the German Government and people."

"We hope that Germany will always remain a good friend of China."—*Trans-Ocean*.



The children of the German community had a great time when Father Christmas visited the German Club, though the little girl in the centre of this picture seemed more than a little frightened by the length of his snowy-white beard. (Ning Yuen).

Italy And British Re-Armament

Rome, Yesterday.

"THE British attitude towards the foreign situation is false and antiquated," declares "Tribuna" in an article on international affairs entitled "Negative British Policy."

Object of the paper's irony is the leader in the London "Times" stating that the British Government and the Opposition were unified in their ultimate aims, if not in agreement on methods.

The British Empire, declares "Tribuna," would like to have the world stand still in order that not the slightest change in the balance of power takes place, this being the reason for refusal to recognise Manchukuo, the Italian Empire and General Franco and support of the League of Nations as champion of the Versailles Treaty status quo.

"OTHER COUNTRIES"

The so-called British policy is negative and provisional, since the British Government studiously refrains from making any indication of its attitude and will not do so until its tremendous armaments programme is completed.

Other countries, however, will not sit idly waiting until a powerfully armed British Empire is ready to indicate the role it intends to play in the future peace of the world.—*Trans-Ocean*.

PORTUGAL PLEASSED BY EDEN ATTITUDE

Lisbon, Yesterday.

Great satisfaction regarding the safety of the Portuguese colonies is felt in Lisbon political circles following the colonial debate in the British House of Commons.

One paper says that Herr Hitler and Mr. Anthony Eden have now given identical assurances that the Portuguese colonies could never become the object of international dealings.

Another paper declares that the Anglo-Portuguese alliance has been given a tonic such as it has not had since the days of Edward VII, and Portugal has received from the most authoritative British quarters unmistakable proof of British loyalty towards her oldest ally.—*Trans-Ocean*.

WUHU INCIDENTS PROTEST

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The American Consul-General in Shanghai has lodged a protest with the Japanese authorities regarding the recent incidents at Wuhu wherein Japanese soldiers tore down American flags at the Hospital and threw them in the river.

Another incident occurred when

Denunciation Of The Kellogg Pact

Rome, Yesterday.

"It was a document which contradicted the teachings of history," says "Tribuna" in a denunciation of the Kellogg Pact outlawing war following the death of Mr. Frank Kellogg, its co-author.

The paper says that with the death of Mr. Kellogg, the pact can be regarded as dead and buried.

In Berlin, says a message from the German capital, the "Berliner Tageblatt" characterises Mr. Kellogg as a "delightful representative of that undiscriminating positivism in the foreign policy of the United States which but a short time ago gave conclusive evidence in Brussels that in spite of good intentions, its clock has now run down."

The paper describes the pact itself as the "embodiment of frustrated and obsolete methods in dealing with international relations."—*Trans-Ocean*.

EXCHANGE OF SPIES!

Paris, Yesterday.

Three men and one woman who were arrested on charges of spying on behalf of Germany, were brought to the Franco-German frontier where they were exchanged for four French nationals similarly charged in Germany.—*Reuter*.

FAMED BASQUE TREASURE NOW IN PARIS

Paris, Yesterday.

The famous "Basque treasure," consisting of silver and gold bars, ornaments, securities, paintings and other works of art, estimated to be worth ten milliard francs, has arrived in Paris, says "Le Soir."

The treasure was shipped to Le Havre from Bilbao and Gijon when fall of the two cities to the Nationalists was imminent.

The Spanish Nationalist authorities have since attempted to secure the treasure by legal process, which, however, was thrown out by the French courts.

Ten railway freight cars brought the valuable cargo to Paris from Le Havre, and it was transported from the station under heavy police guard to the Republican Spanish Embassy.—*Trans-Ocean*.

The caretaker of the Wuhu Academy was ordered to pull down the stars and stripes from the flagpole in the Academy compound.—*Reuter*.

ITALY AND BRITAIN'S WARNING

Rome, Yesterday. A Milan paper refutes the charges made in the House of Commons yesterday regarding anti-British propaganda and adds that even if the charge were true, such propaganda was made from true facts.

If the truth is unpalatable to Britain, it is not the fault of the truth but that of the British policy.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN PRINCE TO WORK IN LONDON BANK

London, Yesterday.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that Prince Frederick of Prussia, youngest grandson of the ex-Kaiser and a godson of the late King George V, has been granted permission to take up a position in a London bank.

Prince Frederick, who is anxious to gain practical experience of banking, will receive no salary.

The Home Secretary added that the permission extended to Prince Frederick was not an exception to a rule, and that similar permission had often been granted to young foreigners.—*Trans-Ocean*.

NAZI CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Berlin, Yesterday.

Over a million German children yesterday attended a nationwide Christmas festival given by the Nazi Party.

They gathered round giant illuminated Christmas trees all over the country, sang Yuletide songs and were given presents.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, and General Hermann Goering, Prussian Premier, spent the entire afternoon acting as Santa Claus.—*Trans-Ocean*.

LADY-IN-WAITING DIES IN POVERTY

Prague, Yesterday.

A former lady-in-waiting to Empress Elizabeth of Austria, died yesterday at an advanced age.

The Baroness, who came from an old Carinthian family, lost the greater part of her considerable fortune several years ago when she went surety for a bankrupt relative, and was practically destitute at the time of her death.

She was living in an almshouse when she died.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GREEN SHIRTS ARRESTED IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.

A number of Green Shirts, or members of the Brazilian fascists, were arrested by the Brazilian Government on charges of subversive activities. The arrests were made under the new law dissolving all political parties.—*Reuter*.

CHINA DAY IN INDIA

Bombay, Yesterday.

The president of the All India Congress appealed for observance of "China Day" throughout India on January 9 when collections are to be made for medical aid to China.—*Reuter*.

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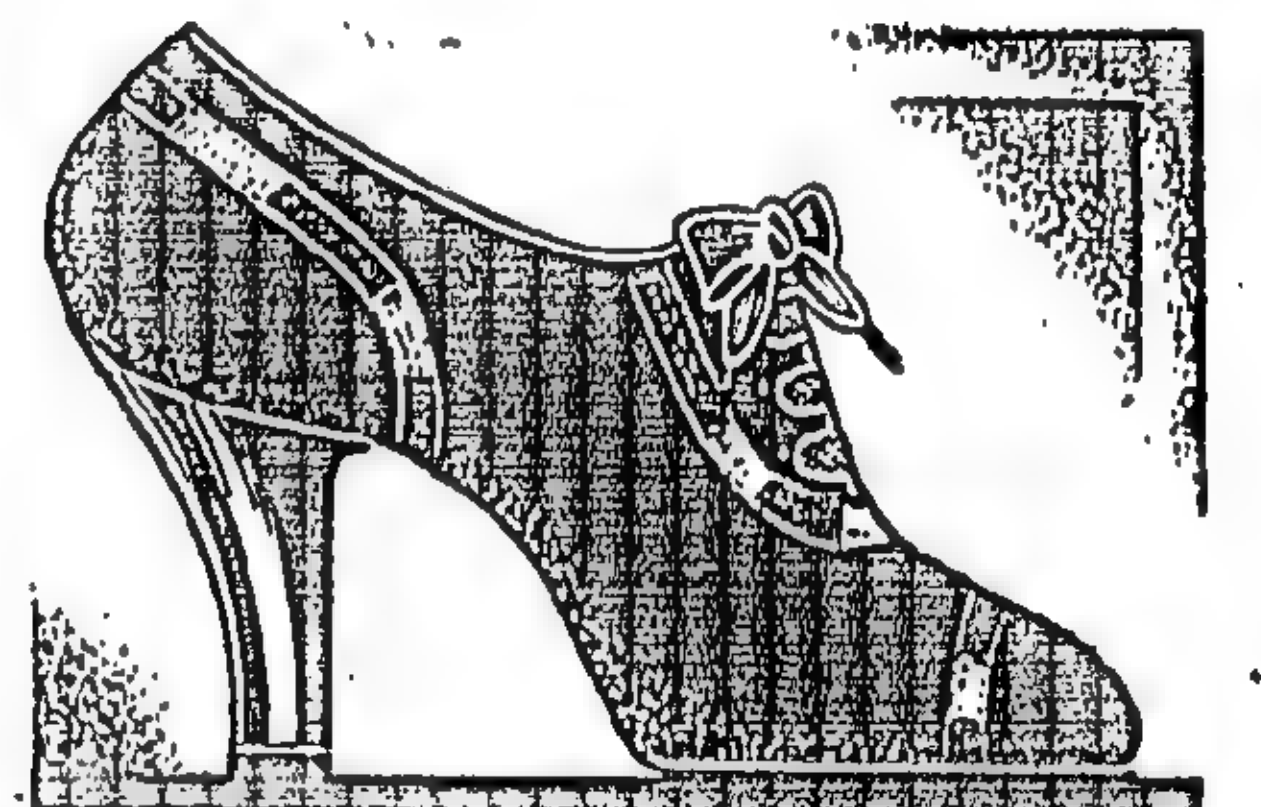
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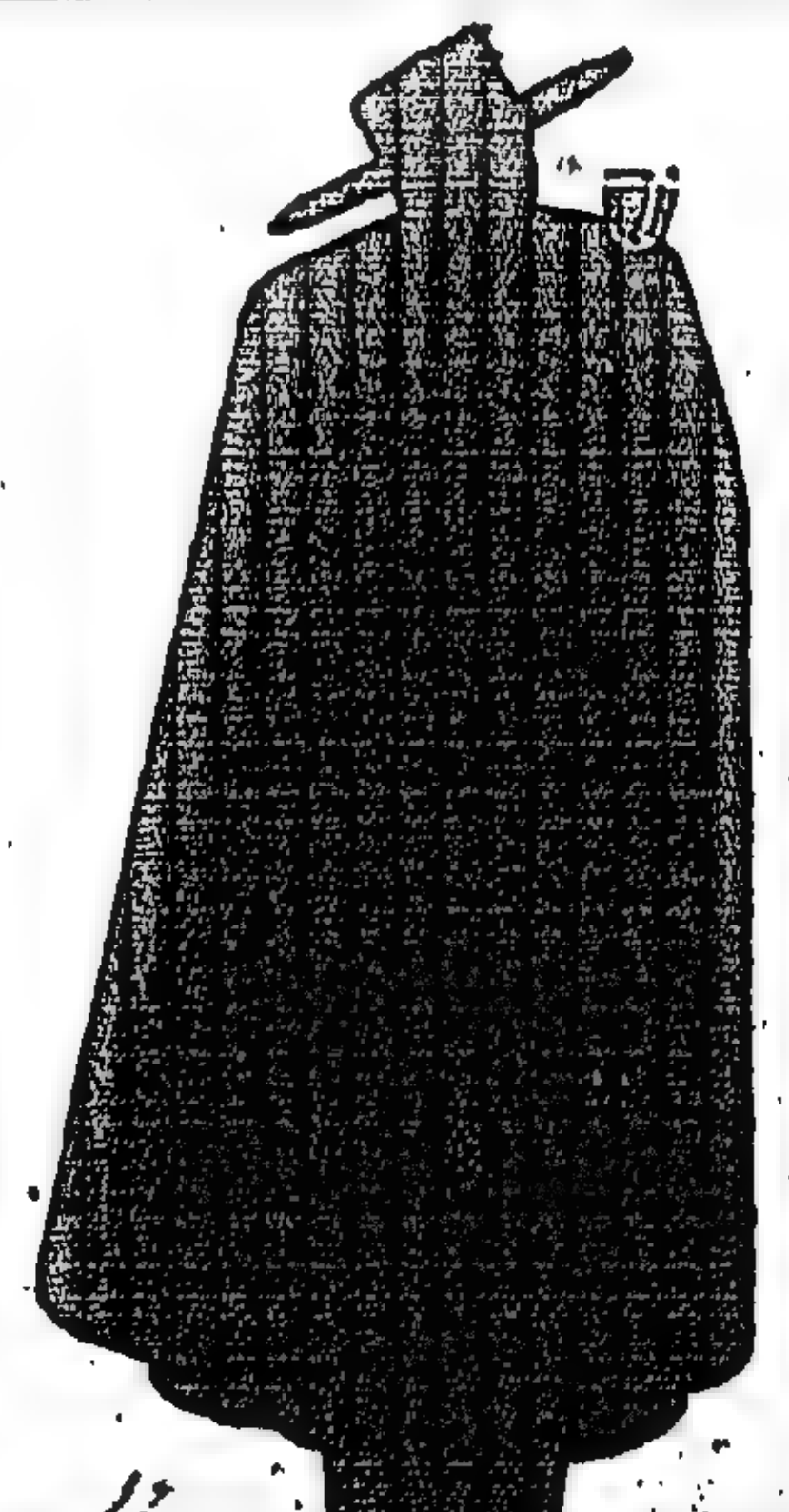
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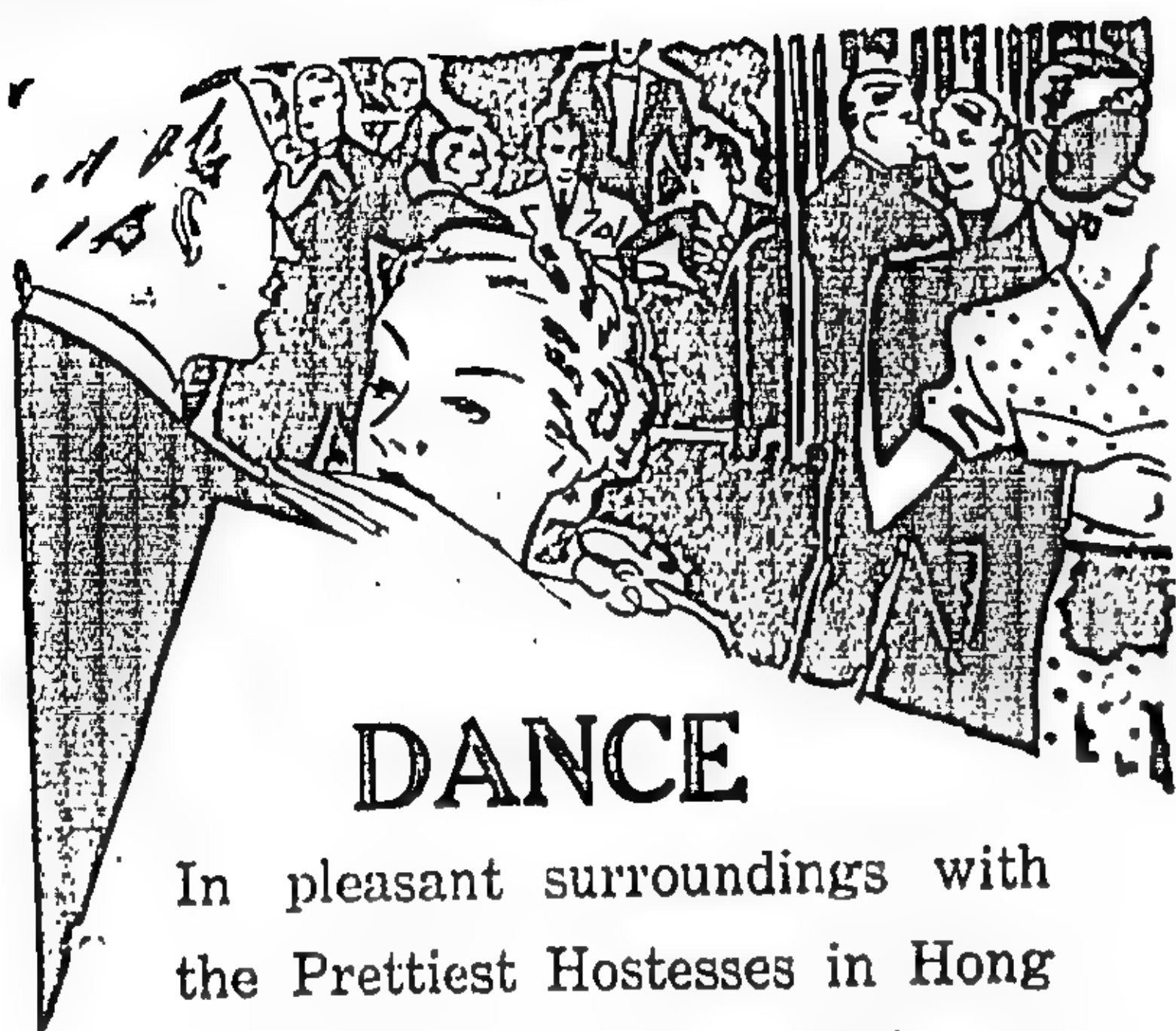
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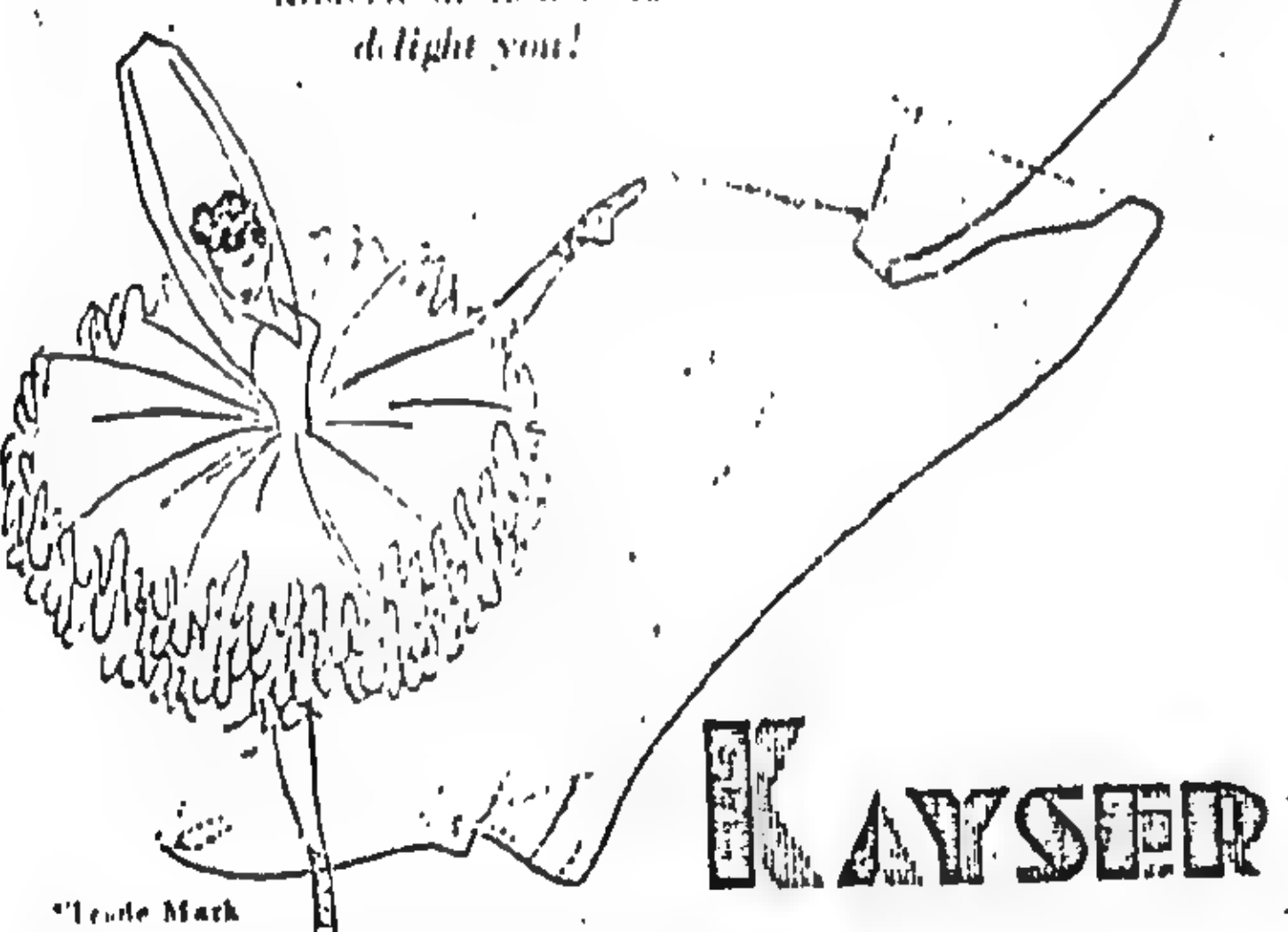
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H.N. BRAILSFORD Strikes A New Note In Discussing Southern Port

YOUR contributor has been district won a notable victory in taking a belated holiday, the recent local elections there are sunning himself on the shores of the Mediterranean. Le Lavandou lies half-way between Toulon and Cannes, in the less fashionable part of the Riviera.

Ten years ago it was an old-world fishing village. To-day, four hotels, one of them a skyscraper, rise from its beach. It is crowded in summer, but at this time of year most of the hotels are closed, and one counts the strangers by twos and threes.

Yet the southern sun blazes three days out of four, and the sea is never colder than it is off Cornwall in August. One swims and sun-bathes lazily, adapting oneself to the slow pace of this kindly and happy village.

Its life centres round the jetties of its harbour. Its fishermen seem to reap an abundant harvest without excessive risk or toil.

The three islands that take their name from Hyeres stretch their shapely contours across the horizon, and within this broad channel the little boats trail their nets through the hours of darkness.

Pooled Catches

One hears them returning towards dawn, and the day after these strenuous nights is spent idly in the genial warmth.

The women mend the nets, while the men stand in groups along the quay playing their Provencal game of boules (a variant of bowls) with endless zest and merriment.

One wishes one could share their jokes, but though everyone can talk French readily enough, it is Provencal that the fishermen, the workers, and the peasants invariably talk among themselves.

These fishermen have an enviable air of independence. They have their co-operative organisation, which has liberated them from the middlemen who used to prey upon them.

They pool their catch for the market, and their society buys for them the nets and other tools of their trade that they need.

One had heard of the triumphs of co-operation among the fishermen of Catalonia, but it was for me a novel and welcome discovery to find it firmly established here in France.

These fishermen have a pride in their class and live with their eyes on the future. The names of their boats reveal their political outlook.

Here, drawn up on the beach, about to receive a new coat of paint on the 20th anniversary of the revolution, is a smack named Lenin.

Next to him lies Spartacus, and some way further on, among more conventional vessels, a boat named after Henri Barbusse. Did that brilliant and courageous writer ever know, I wonder, the honour that these workers had done him?

Crown Of His Career

He would have counted it the crown of his career. The older generation also has its heroes. One boat in which a father, busied with his nets, is helping his little boy to read, bears the name of the martyred Jean Jaures. Another reverts to the distant past and recalls the fame of Rouget de l'Isle.

The South has always had its revolutionary tradition. It enjoys its freedom to-day with a vigilant militancy. The posters on its walls remind it of the world-wide struggle against Fascism.

It collects for Spain, but though the Popular Front over all this

audience, time has stood still. The

Like wreckage, tossed up on the shore, two German refugees shelter in this little village and gain a slender living by their books.

Inland, the hills rise abruptly behind our village. Their lower slopes have been terraced by the labour of countless generations, whose toil must reach back to pre-historic times.

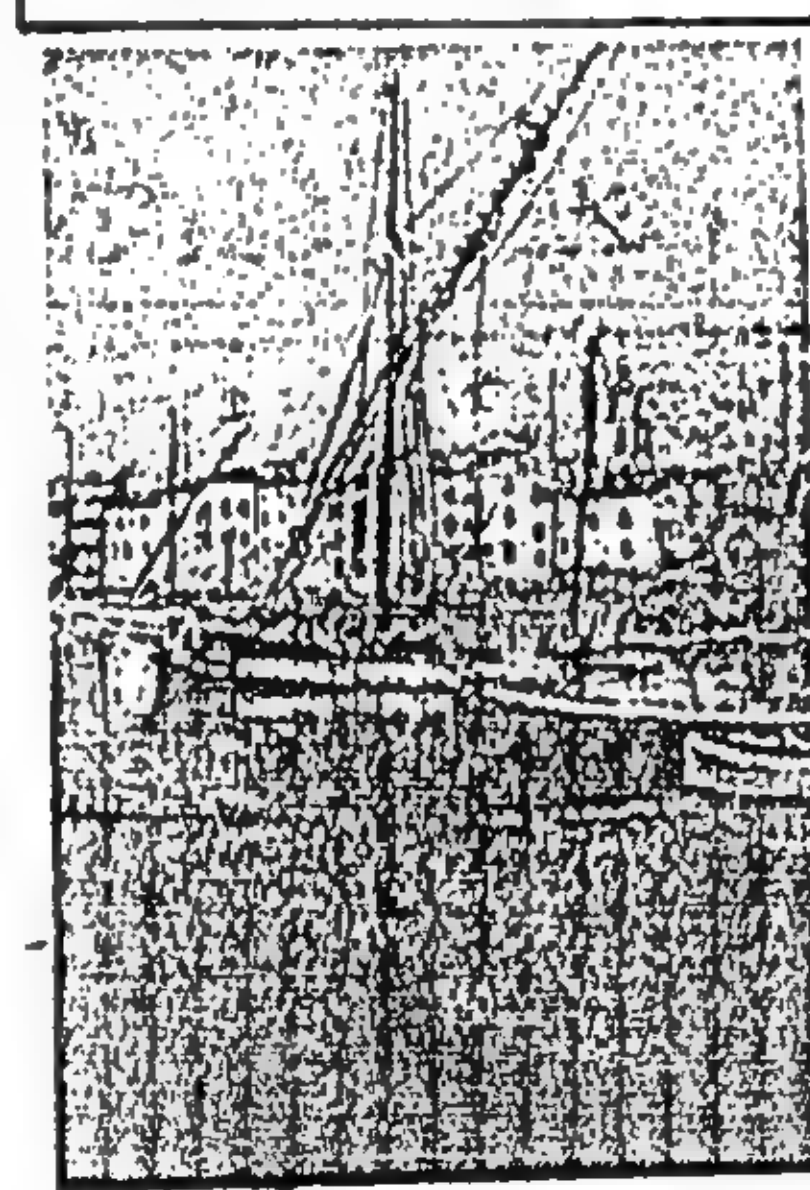
The vintage is over, and now between the russet rows of vines, early potatoes are growing. Peas and beans are in flower, and the peasant women are hoeing round the stocks, whose flowers will reach our markets after Christmas.

The yellow mimosas are in bud and beside them hang in red clusters the pepper berries. But the tree that most delights me is the eucalyptus. It was a gift from Australia, but in this kindred clime it is now thoroughly at home.

Within a curious shell of the colour of verdigris, its hidden flowers unfold. They push off a round cap which falls to the ground, and then out of the protecting case the yellow stamens emerge like a decorative crest upon a helmet.

As one explores beyond the gardens and the little farms, the hillside is clothed in cistus, which must make of it the gayest of

PROVENCE PORT



Mediterranean fisher boat.

landscapes in spring. Here and there, an arum or an Alpine pink is flowering to remind us of its vernal glory.

Round watch-towers that may date from the tenth century crown the crest of the hills, for this land experienced the ravages of Moorish invaders. But soon, save for the road which is a triumph of engineering, one has left behind all traces of mankind.

From a height of some 1,500 feet one looks out on an endless vista of mountains and sea. All that brilliant and courageous writer ever know, I wonder, the honour that these workers had done him?

Beyond the cork trees come the pines. In the depths of this forest there still are wild boars in the great numbers, fattening at this season on the acorns of the cork trees.

Beyond the forest, on abrupt little hills that rise out of the fertile valleys, stand a series of typical Provencal hill-towns. The sea-coast, open to the Moors, was dangerous in the middle-ages, and for safety men built on the hill-tops inland.

Time Has Stood Still

In one of these villages, Grim-

castle that crowns its steep hill is in ruins: against the dangers of our time keeps and battlements are of no avail.

But the church is much as it must have been seven centuries back, for men still combat the flesh and the devil with the tried weapons of the past.

It is a massive Romanesque structure, stately in its perfect proportions. The narrow streets, with their dignified houses, built high to exclude the summer sun, can have changed little during two centuries at least.

Relics of a far older time, blend happily with their grey stone, among them a house with a Gothic colonnade whose grace held me fascinated.

Outside the church stood a memorial, a humble, unpretentious stone, on whose four sides were inscribed the names of the inhabitants who fell in the Great War.

It was not a fit subject for art, this memory that can have left no home untouched. Grimaud has less than 1,200 inhabitants, and its dead totalled close on 80 men. It was other and happier events, I gathered, that Grimaud preferred to commemorate in stone.

Its one conspicuous monument stood in its square, where the young folk succeed in forgetting the peril of war when they dance their Provencal steps on feast-days.

It recorded the gratitude of the population to the municipality for some unspecified achievement in the year 1886. There was no need to name this boon; everyone remembered it.

In that year an easier life began for every housewife in this village on the hill. Water was brought to every house in pipes. So did this ancient place cherish the victories of civilisation.

Man Against Insects

I have left to the last the detail in the life of Le Lavandou that interested me most keenly. It has its international links this Provencal fishing village, and one of them reaches to the far Antipodes.

Towards the end of my stay I discovered that an inconspicuous cottage on the hillside is a biological laboratory maintained by the Commonwealth of Australia. That sub-Continent gave the eucalyptus to the Riviera: in return it takes—beetles.

A fellow-countryman, Frank Wilson, is in charge, and from him I learned something of a curious and promising experiment.

A generation ago a German settler in Australia imported from his homeland seeds of St. John's Wort, from which to make an infusion that is said to cure rheumatism.

The weed thrives like the legendary rabbit, and to-day it is the farmers' worst enemy, for it impoverishes the pasture wherever it implants its formidable roots. But it, in turn, has a redoubtable foe, a beetle native to the Riviera.

In Wilson's laboratory one could watch all the stages in its eventful life-history. It wriggled for me under the microscope. In a shaded jar it was mating. Deep in the roots of a St. John's Wort I saw its larvae, and admired the thoroughness of their destructive work.

The expert talked with enthusiasm of his own experiments, and of the alternating victories and defeats that mark the incessant campaigns of man against insects.

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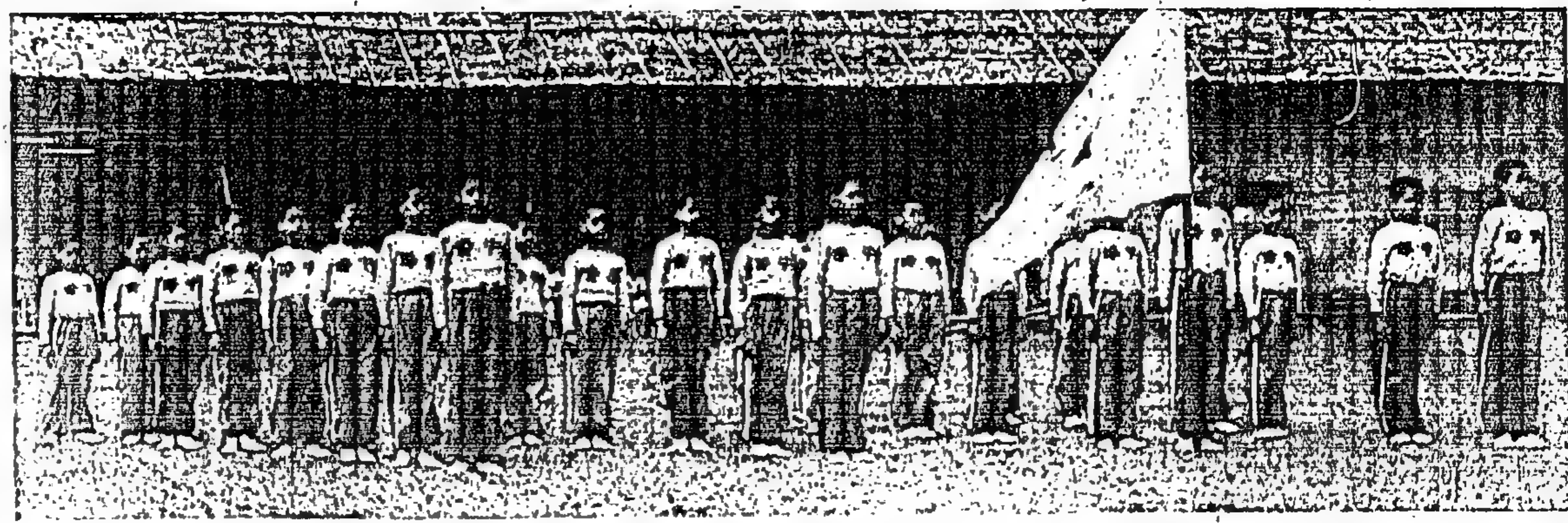
Tokyo, Yesterday.
"Neither the Japanese army nor navy was responsible for the Panay incident," declared an officer of the Japanese General Staff to foreign pressmen yesterday.

"The disaster was due to a chain of unfortunate circumstances and nothing else."

A report to this effect, he added, is being sent to the United States Ambassador, and he hoped a peaceful settlement would soon be forthcoming.

The attack on H.M.S. Ladybird would soon be "patched up," as the Japanese Government was willing to make extensive concessions in reply to the British Note. — Trans-Ocean.

At the Rotary Club on Tuesday, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell will speak on "Reminiscences of the Coronation."



Sturdy specimens of Young China at the Kowloon Football Club on Tuesday when the finals in the Physical Training competition among local vernacular schools were completed. The picture is in itself a clear illustration of the value of the new interest being taken in physical well-being in local schools. ("Herald" photo).

POTSDAM PAINTING FOR IL DUCE

Berlin, Yesterday.
The city of Potsdam has presented Signor Mussolini with a painting of the town in remembrance of the Duce's visit to the historic city.

An identical present has been sent to Marshal Badoglio, who also visited the town made famous by Frederick the Great. — Trans-Ocean.

Attempt To Burgle German Embassy

Moscow, Yesterday.
An attempt at burgling the German Embassy in Moscow was frustrated at the last minute by the vigilance of one of the night-porters.

While making his round of the Embassy building last night he noticed two men moving about at the back of the building.

He went outside to challenge the men and one of them produced a revolver and fired at him.

The porter fired back and the men took to their heels.

A search of the Embassy revealed that a ladder had already been placed in position to enable the intruders to gain access to one of the upper floors of the building. — Trans-Ocean.

TEN CHILDREN IN TEN YEARS CREATES ITALIAN RECORD FOR NAPLES

Rome, Yesterday.

TEN children in ten years is the proud record of a Naples woman, who because of this fertility is to be awarded the principal honours at the "Day of Mothers."

Preparations for the festival have been in progress for weeks, and mothers in each province of Italy who have given birth to the greatest number of children since April 15, 1926, are to be brought to Rome and presented to Signor Mussolini.

In addition to Naples' record holders, sixteen other mothers who have borne nine children, 42 with eight children, 32 with seven children, and four with six children, will also be present at the festival.

These 96 mothers alone, have increased the population of the nation by 738 since 1926. The above figures do not indicate the size of the family but merely

refer to children born within a stated period.

The family record is held by a 42-year-old peasant woman from Treviso, who has given birth to seventeen children. — Trans-Ocean.

YUGO-SLAV VISIT TO BERLIN

Berlin, Yesterday.

Dr. Stojadinovich, the Yugo-Slav Premier, will arrive in Berlin on January 15 on a four-day visit to the German capital.

Before returning to Belgrade he will make a tour of western Germany where he will inspect a number of large industrial plants. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET SHIP SEIZED

Paris, Yesterday.
A Russian steamer has fallen victim to Spanish Nationalist cruisers, says "Le Soir."

The paper, in a despatch from Tangier, reveals that the Soviet freighter "Chorz" sent out an S.O.S. at 8.15 yesterday morning when off Gibraltar.

The message said: "Hold up by Nationalist warships and ordered to proceed to Ceuta."

Since then nothing has been heard of the vessel. — Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH COAST BLOCKADE

Salamanca, Yesterday.

The Nationalist blockade of the Spanish Government coast is, not directed against foreign shipping, says an official announcement, but foreign ships that enter the blockaded zone do so at their own risk. — Trans-Ocean.

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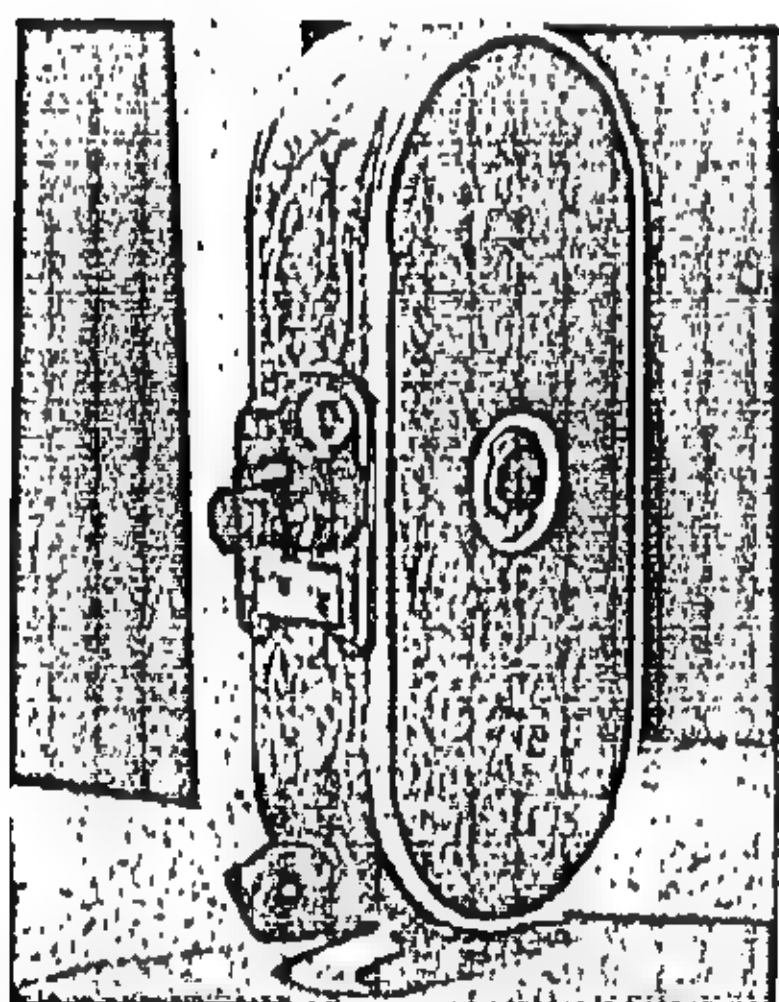
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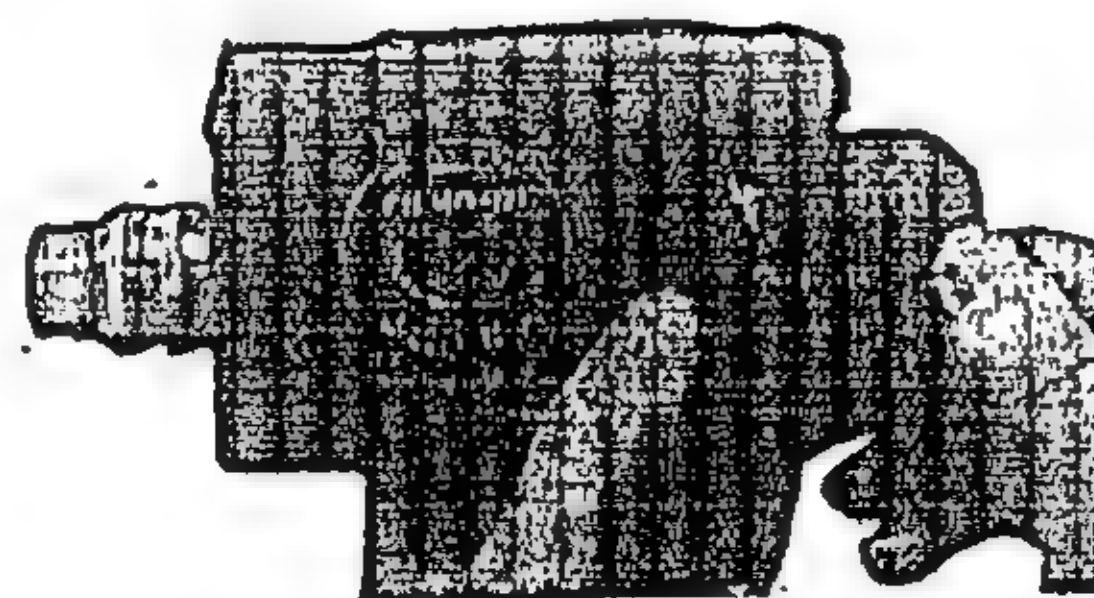
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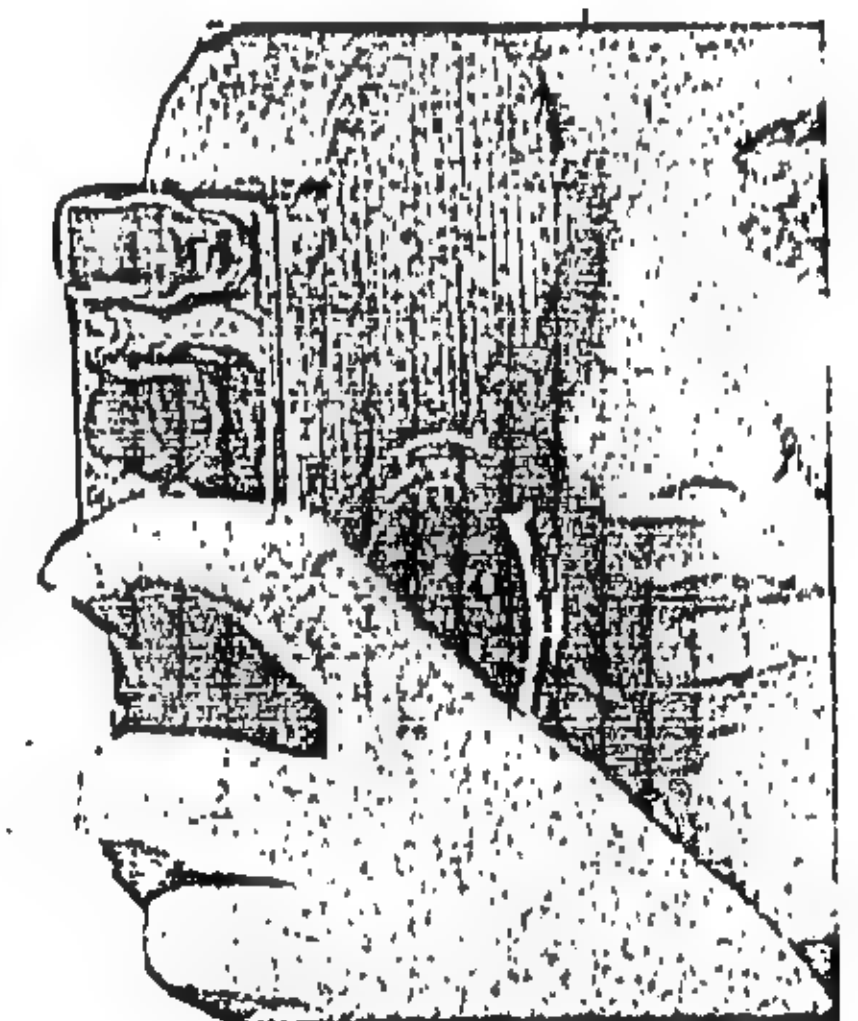
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ant proceeding. Such questions scarce for the present time, far are prompted by a mind that is less for the future. The chief out of tune with the spirit of these—their belief in progress history, that is breaking itself—is already being questioned. against the rhythms of life; they Men are asking, what did they are rationalistic questions, and mean by "progress"? Was "pro-rationalism, though not 'reason, guess, really progress, or was it is defunct. No man can say that just an escapism, an easy way out the new age will be good or bad, of the challenge of the Universe,

CHRISTMAS passes and over there are sacred as distinct from the world the darkness creeps up again, like a cloud blotting out the sun, swallowing up the brightness which was momentarily about us.

"Blue shadows deepen, —
All sound is silent, colours
are effaced,
movement and life die away
Into wavering twilight and
distant rumour."

There is something terribly final about the closing days of the year, a feeling which pervades the mind with regret, an almost inevitable consciousness that changes mean loss. The last hours of the dying year, as poets are wont to call the next few days, will bring many thoughts and a multitude of regrets to the minds of not a few of us. Those who are able to contemplate their lives disinterestedly, and those upon whom contemplation is forced by circumstance and fear, will realise what the Russian Titchiev has described as hours "of wordless longing"—a realisation of uncertainty and "homesickness" in life, a desire to pass out beyond the seeming bitter meaninglessness of to-day to a truer life and a more vital experience, to enter a world which will be more a home for our hearts.

While it is impossible to predict the exact course which 1938 will follow, as it is impossible to foretell what way history will take, there are certain characteristics and proved tendencies which we can rely upon to be present in the days to come.

There is a rhythm in history just as there is in nature; just as seasons follow one another in the course of the year, so in the life of the world there is an almost measured succession of age, of different periods, of alternating types of culture, an ebb and flow, a rise and fall, of civilisation. This periodicity is truly characteristic of all life. There are many names given to these different epochs, some are called organic as distinct from those that are called critical, the diurnal is placed over against the nocturnal,

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An Era Of Darkness

To ask whether this new age is good or evil, whether it portends good or bad fortune, is an ignorant

movement away from the authentic foundations of life?

"Down With The Old"

When we write or think that sentence, we naturally do not mean that the old world was valueless, or that we hope that nothing will be left of it, that there was nothing in it most for eternity. We do not mean that it was in essence futile. Such statements are never true of any epoch in history, and what we call "modern history" was no accident. Modern history was a gigantic experiment in liberty. Self-affirmation, the emphasising of the subjective values, were moments of supreme value to mankind. Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Goethe, Keats, Carlyle, no wisdom will disparage their achievements; these have enriched our lives beyond gratitude; but the world has distorted their truth by limiting it, or rather by limiting the limitless body of truth to their truth. The new world will give place to their truth but it will not return to it. It is impossible to affect a return to antiquity, the new world must move forward enriched by the past. "Suffering passes away, but to have suffered never passes away." Nothing that is old is perished forever, though it must, in its hour, be superseded.

Calamities

Speaking of the world yet to come Jesus said, "Woe to the world for hindrances! Hindrances have to come, but—woe to the man by whom the hindrance does come!" Changes cannot take place without hindrances, and ghastly calamities. A great historic era cannot pass peacefully away. The sunset of antiquity's civilisation was blood-red. When it passed there was darkness in men's minds, for it left behind a sense of irremediable ruin, and the new era was marked by a barbarisation of the whole known world. The whole order and law of the past was over-run by a torrent of disordered forces. But here we must remind ourselves that behind and within these drastic changes there is the working of the Divine purpose. When the barbarians were roaring at the gates of his city, Saint Augustine lay dying. He closed his eyes upon a darkened world, a world prostrated by murder, rapine, and war, a world in which truth seemed dead, and yet, out of that world, and from the very bloodiness of its birth arose a new civilisation and it was built upon the vision of the Saint. For more than a thousand years the government of the State and the Church was guided by Augustine's City of God.

The New World

Our age is like that one which saw the end of the old world—the civilisation of Greece and Rome. In those days people could not imagine that such a power as the immortal Plato would be superseded, but he was, though not for a thousand years. And so to-day, it is difficult to believe that our authorities will be super-athletic propaganda and material sided, that rationalism will give place not to irrationalism, but to a super-rationalism. All of the most "advanced" thought of the most "advanced" people, even of the revolutionaries of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth, are all decayed past hope and have no real significance before the world even now.

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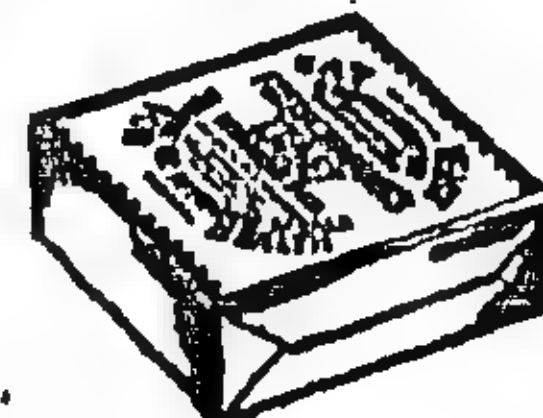
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These three prefer to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, but I can assure my readers that they were connected with football in the Colony long before 1920, some being players while others have been connected with the Association as Councilors, or in other positions, and the comparison of their teams for the periods mentioned makes very interesting reading.

TEAM SPIRIT LOSING GROUND

Here is what Mr. "V" has to say:

"A. W. Nobby" Clarke is my idea of a perfect local goalkeeper. He never indulged in any flashy bye-plays. His job was strictly to keep the ball out of the net, and he did it in a workmanlike manner. I have seen a good many goalkeepers, but I very much doubt whether we have had, or will have, any custodian to reach the heights to which Clarke rose in several of his earlier Interport matches. The only custodian who came anywhere near to him during the earlier period of 1925/30 was Swan, of the Police, but the latter only played during one season, in 1926, when he was really good, although never better than Clarke.

"Of my four full-backs, 'Paddy' Wynne, of the Police, and Lee Tin-sang, of South China (the latter is still playing) are probably the finest defenders ever seen in China, and I can recall some outstanding performers from North China. Wynne was brilliant, and his first association with soccer came when he joined the King's Liverpool Light Infantry, which he later left to join the H.K. Police. His first Interport was with C. W. E. Bishop as a partner, in 1924, and these two, as a pair, were not bettered as a combination up till 1930.

Finest Full-Backs In The Far East

"Actually Wynne and Lee Tin-sang, had they been played together, would have made the finest pair of backs in the Far East, and at their best would have secured places in any Second Division team at Home.

"Lee Tin-sang's wonderful accuracy in clearances and fine anticipation of anything overhead, made him the main obstacle to all opposing forwards, while Wynne gave very little way, even in friendly games.

"During the period 1931-37, which I shall now refer to as the latter period, MacGregor, of the Royal Navy, who played in many representative matches, was also an outstanding full-back, and one who retained his form after leaving the China Station. He subsequently qualified for Gillingham, one of the Third Division (South) League Clubs at Home, and played for several seasons.

"Like most of the Navy soccer 'stars,' MacGregor's play was a delight to watch and he rarely, if ever, put a wrong foot forward. Unfortunately for the Colony, he only made a very brief appearance here.

Bishop, of the Club, was another of Hong Kong's outstanding backs of



EATON
(East Surrey)



LEUNG YUK-TONG
(Athletic)

the former period. Powerful kicking, combined with good headwork and positional play, made him an ideal partner for Wynne, and they were paired together in the 1924-25-27 and 1929 Interports.

"There have been many outstanding half-backs during the past 12 years, but I have no hesitation in stating that Leung Yuk-tong (right-half), J. R. Sims (centre-half) and Bristowe (left-half) would have outclassed any intermediate line which could be produced to-day in Hong Kong or China.

"Each player played the game scientifically every thought being for his team. In both attack and defence they were without masters; although Leung Wing-chiu, of South China, the present Colony right-half, was not far behind. Probably the outstanding half-back was Sims, of Kowloon, whose constructive play held the Kowloon team together on many occasions.

"The curious part about Sims was that he played in the Colony towards the close of his career and at that stage was good enough for Second Division soccer at Home!

Too Little Was Seen Of Shiras (Navy)

"Shiras, of the Navy (Hermes), was one of the best centre-halves we have seen in recent years, but, unfortunately, the movements of his ship never gave us a true glimpse of him at his best, although his form displayed during the latter period has been better than anything we have seen these last three seasons.

"Many in the Colony may disagree with me, but I contend that soccer in the old days, between 1925-30, was much better than that shown between 1931-37. My forward line of the former period, comprising Barkham, (Navy), Eaton (East Surrey), A. V. Gosano (Recreio), Suen Kam-shun (Athletic) and Caldecutt (Queen's) would have bettered any forward line of the latter period.

"Speed, ball control, marksmanship, team-work and all the other essentials of sound and constructive forward play were all clearly shown by all these five players.

The forward line of the latter period comprising B. Gosano (Recreio), Tam Kong-pak (South China), A. V. Gosano (Recreio), Lee Wai-tong (South China) and J. Skinner (Navy) were not far behind, however, and possessed everything the former unit had, but there was something missing—esprit de corps.

"Football to-day and that of eight or 10 years ago is as different as a dog and a cat. In the old days there was very little self glorification, as the team spirit was uppermost.

"Barkham was an ideal winger, very fast, a fine kick and had a keen conception of distance and height. Bertie Gosano, of the latter period, was also very good when at his best, but there was something lacking, possibly the fact that he relied on speed to a greater extent than Barkham, whose ball control and skill in flashing the ball into the centre while being tackled made that little difference.

Tam's Versatility Causes Fung's Omission

"Many will disagree with me on the choice of the inside-right for 1931-37. While admitting that as a schemer Fung King-cheong has or had no equal, he was not, however, the general utility man that Tam Kong-pak has proved himself to be.

"Tam's value as an attacking player, his brilliant headwork and ballet-like dribbles through a mass of players more often than not totally demoralised an opposing defence, whereas Fung's job has invariably been that of a 'feeder', whose one job was to make the openings for his centre-forward.

"Fung's best football was seen during the 1932-33 season, when he paved the way for many of South China's successes, but it must also be remembered that Tam was a man who could be taken out of the attack and made to play a defensive game while pressure was being exerted by the opposing team and then be reinstated at a moment's notice to become the big danger in attack.

A. V. Gosano is without question the finest centre-forward the Colony has had.

He gave his best service from 1928 to 1933 after having made his first Interport appearance in 1925, in Shanghai, while still in his teens. His headwork, wonderful distribution to either wing (he was probably the finest wing-footed footballer China has ever seen) and deadly marksmanship made him the terror of all opposing teams.

"The Colony has lost a very fine footballer in him, but I hear that



C. W. E. BISHOP
(Club)



J. McKELVIE
(Kowloon F.C.)



"PADDY" WYNNE
(Police)

he may return and lead Portugal's team in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition.

"Many will also question my preference of Suen Kam-shun, of the Athletic, to Lee Wai-tong for the inside-left berth during the former period, but I am sure, and others agree with me, Lee, during the 1925 Interport, never reached the heights which Suen attained during his leadership of the Chinese Athletic team, while playing at inside-left during the 1927-29, 1928-29 and 1929-30 seasons, the three seasons they won the Senior League title.

In the latter period, however, there is no doubt as to who was the better player. During the years 1925 to 1930 Lee Wai-tong's years of soccer in Shanghai and Java taught him many things which eventually made him China's outstanding player and a veritable idol.

"The choice of the two left-wingers resulted in my selection of Caldecutt, of the Queen's, during the former period, and Jack Skinner, of the Navy, for the latter, and the comparison here is the same as that of Barkham and B. Gosano. Caldecutt was the better all-round man and could fill the inside-left position just as well, whereas Skinner was essentially a winger.

"A comparison of football during the two periods is not difficult, and I say without hesitation with regard to soccer in the East that the former period produced the more scientific play. Lack of real speed and shooting ability nowadays, and the urge to secure bigger gates in order to swell the resources of Clubs have nearly led to the ruination of the game.

There is also the question of competitive football. In the old days there were fewer competitions than there are to-day, and nowadays it is no great honour to be selected for one of these 'match' Mr. 'V' concluded.

MR. X'S TEAMS

Mc Kelvie Given Centre-Half Berth

Mr. 'X' was very interested in my idea, but refused to make much commentary beyond a few words here and there, although he selected his two teams for the periods 1925-30 and 1931-37 after much deliberation.

Six Teams Believed Hong Kong's Best

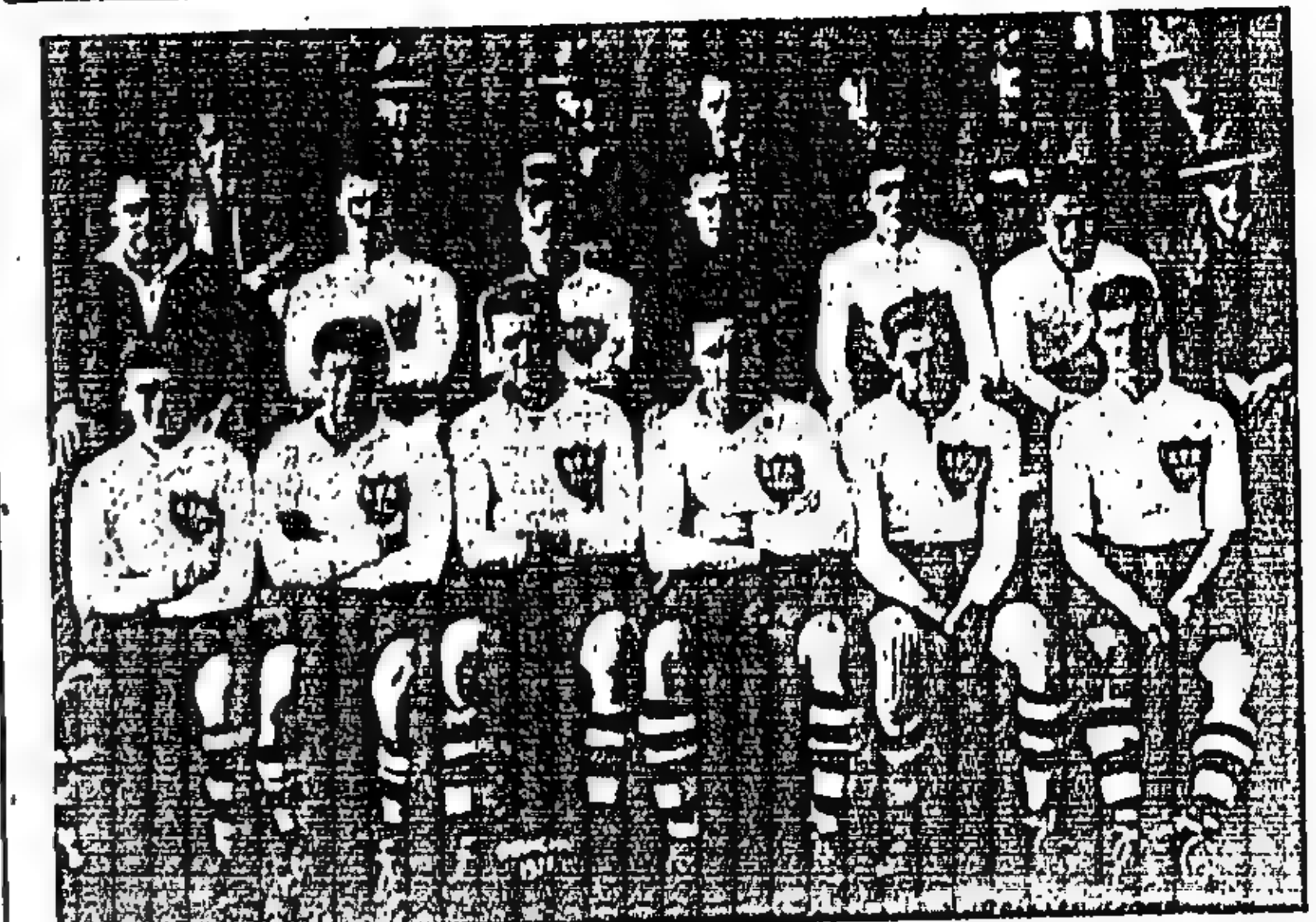
1925 — 1930

MR. 'X'S' TEAMS	
GOAL	CLARKE (POLICE)
RIGHT-BACK	WYNNE (POLICE)
LEFT-BACK	BISHOP (CLUB)
RIGHT-HALF	LEUNG YUK-TONG (ATHLETIC)
CENTRE-HALF	SIMS (KOWLOON)
LEFT-HALF	McKELVIE (KOWLOON)
RIGHT-WING	BARKHAM (NAVY)
RIGHT-INSIDE	SUEN KAM-SHUN (ATHLETIC)
CENTRE-FORWARD	A. V. GOSANO (RECREIO)
LEFT-INSIDE	LEE WAI-TONG (S. CHINA)
LEFT-WING	CALDECUTT (QUEEN'S)

1931 — 1937	
GOAL	CLARKE (POLICE)
RIGHT-BACK	ALLEN (R.A.)
LEFT-BACK	MULLANE (BORDERERS)
RIGHT-HALF	LEUNG WING-CHIU (S. CHINA)
CENTRE-HALF	C. PARDOE (R.A.)
LEFT-HALF	N. BELTRAO (RECREIO)
RIGHT-WING	B. T. GOSANO (RECREIO)
RIGHT-INSIDE	FUNG KING-CHEONG (S.C.)
CENTRE-FORWARD	A. V. GOSANO (RECREIO)
LEFT-INSIDE	LEE WAI-TONG (S. CHINA)
LEFT-WING	R. I. DICKFORD (CLUB)

MR. 'V'S' TEAMS	
CLARKE (POLICE)	
WYNNE (POLICE)	
BISHOP (CLUB)	
LEUNG YUK-TONG (ATHL.)	
SIMS (KOWLOON)	
BISTOWE (E. SURREY)	
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EATON (E. SURREY)	
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CALDECUTT (QUEEN'S)	

1931 — 1937	
PAU KA-PING (S. CHINA)	
MACGREGOR (NAVY)	
LEE TIN-SANG (S. CHINA)	
LEUNG WING-CHIU (S. CHINA)	
SHIRAS (NAVY)	
LAM YUK-YING (ATHLETIC)	
B. T. GOSANO (RECREIO)	
TAM KONG-PAK (S. CHINA)	
A. V. GOSANO (RECREIO)	
LEE WAI-TONG (S. CHINA)	
J. SKINNER (NAVY)	



The Shanghai Interport team of 1928, above, set a record for the series when they scored seven goals without reply against Hong Kong. The team as seen above are: Middle Row: Capt. Reid, the Referee; L. Goldman, J. Pote-Hunt, B. Freeman, A. Hathaway, Lee Wai-tong, J. B. Costa and H. Gee. Also seen in the above picture in the top row are A. H. Leslie, the late Jimmy Quayle, former Shanghai Interport player and first captain of the present series, C. W. Hampton, Hon. Secretary, Rupert Grimshaw, President of S.F.A., W. Forsyth, former President of S.F.A., Sgt. Major A. E. Wells, A. E. Stewart, Vice-President of S.F.A., and the late W. Barnes.

Fung Highly Praised

"Yet, when I compare both these great players with Fung King-cheong, of the latter period, I have no hesitation in stating that without Fung Lee Wai-tong might never have risen to the position he holds to-day. This statement may be ridiculed, but after having played alongside both of them I could feel the difference after only five minutes' play.

"One could rely thoroughly on Fung to make the openings, his sole object being securing the openings. His ball control, swerve on the ball and, above all, wonderful coolness were outstanding points in his favour and I have yet to see his equal or better as a schemer.

"There is another angle to this, however, as it must be remembered that from 1925 to 1930 Lee Wai-tong was away from the Colony, and it was on his return to local soccer that we saw him as an inside-left, the position ideally suited to his play.

"Caldecutt is my selection for the left-wing for the former period. He was everything a winger should be—beyond that I cannot say more. In the latter period, the best winger I have seen, although it is long time since I have given up the game, is Bickford, of the Club. Small of stature, with a fine shot and very steady under pressure, he impressed me more than Skinner, of the Navy. I do not say that Skinner was not a great winger. On the contrary, but I did not see much of him as the movements of his ship gave me a poor chance of seeing this fine attacking winger in action—I believe he headed the Navy



"NOBBY" CLARKE
(Police)

MR. 'Y'S' TEAMS	
CLARKE (POLICE)	
WYNNE (POLICE)	
BISHOP (CLUB)	
LEUNG YUK-TONG (ATHL.)	
SIMS (KOWLOON)	
BISTOWE (E. SURREY)	
TSO KWAI-SHING (S. CHINA)	
EATON (E. SURREY)	
L. GOLDMAN (CLUB)	
LEE WAI-TONG (S. CHINA)	
MACKLESWORTH (E. SURREY)	

1931 — 1937	
PAU KA-PING (S. CHINA)	
MACGREGOR (NAVY)	
LEE TIN-SANG (S. CHINA)	
TSUI AH-FAI (ATHLETIC)	
PODMORE (BORDERERS)	
LEE KWOK-WAI (S. CHINA)	
TSO KWAI-SHING (S. CHINA)	
FUNG KING-CHEONG (S.C.)	
A. V. GOSANO (RECREIO)	
LEE WAI-TONG (S. CHINA)	
IP PAK-WA (S. CHINA)	



CHARLESWORTH
(East Surrey)

goalscorers for the season he played here.

"You want to know something of football now, and then? Although football has progressed by reason of the ever changing rules, moves, new attacking and defending formations, I consider the soccer of the old days was more attractive to the spectators and certainly more enjoyable to play in.

"I am not crucifying the soccer players of nowadays when I assert that football to-day is probably 75 per cent. dirtier than it was in the old days. We also had fouls in those days, but I must say that to-day some soccer players have now brought infringements to a fine art!

"There is one point I would like to stress and that is in connection with the referees, or the men who control the game for us. There is at present, I am informed, a controversy raging regarding the payment of fees, and that the local Association have been forced to reduce these charges owing to stringency. If we are to have the best in the Colony we must pay for it. I am not a referee, I might add, but I can fully appreciate his position. His task is a thankless one and he performs it to the best of his ability, using the knowledge he has obtained from others to give all soccer players a fair chance.

"The standard of refereeing, as long as I can recall, has never been extraordinarily good, but I must admit that with the advent of the Referees' Association much has been done to improve the standard locally. As I stated earlier on, football to-day is not the clean and wholesome game we know it in the old days, and the referee's job to-day is probably twice as difficult, although he does derive some benefit from his linesman.

"But I am straying from the point. What I mean to imply is that the H.K.F.A. should try and solve this most important problem before dictating round with the many minute items which keep continually cropping up. Give the men who have an active interest in the game a chance and the benefit of your counsel—they deserve it. There is no more I can add, I'm afraid."

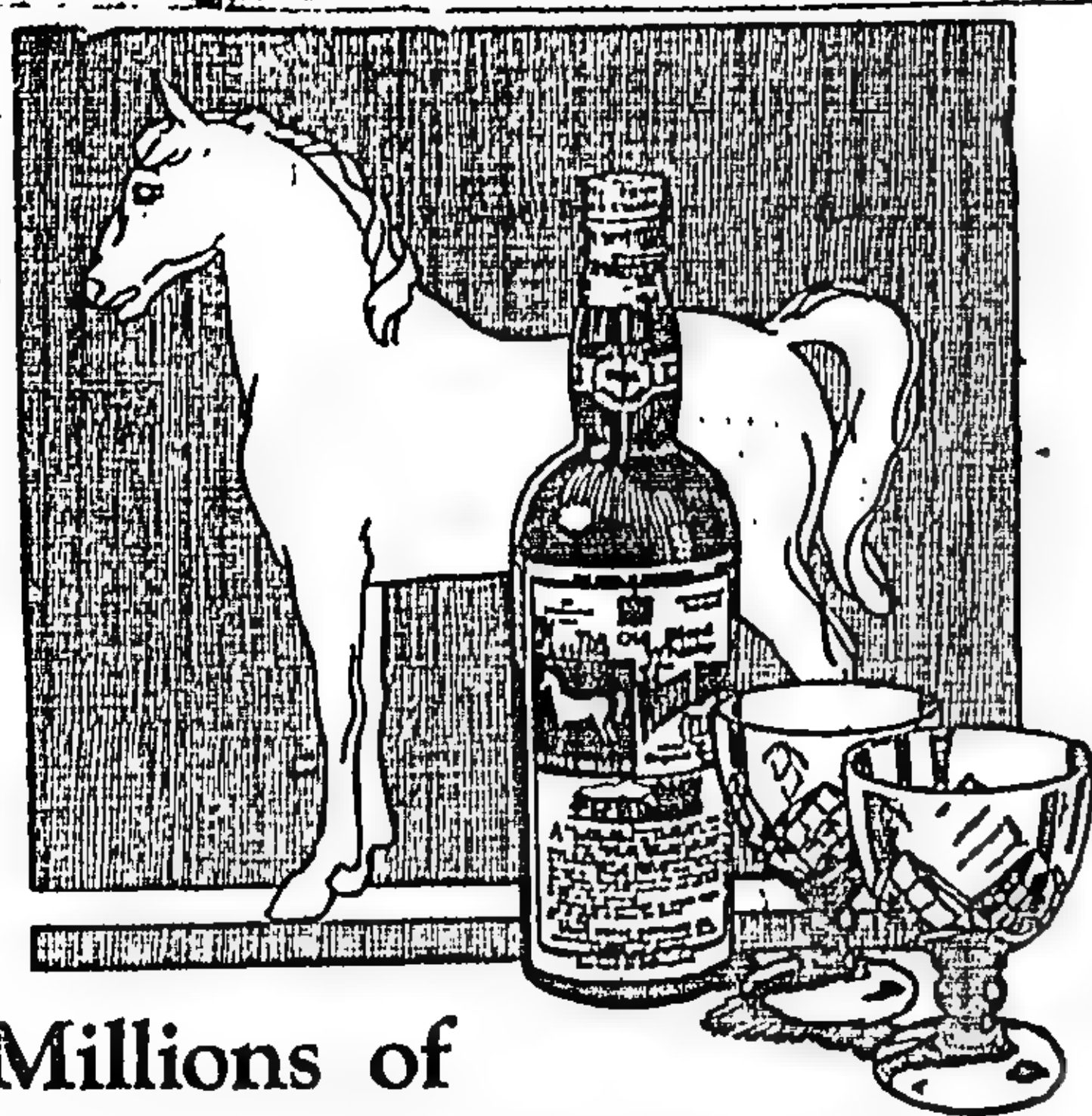
MR. Y'S TEAMS

Game Has Improved Over Last 10 Years

Next interviewed, Mr. 'Y', who has been connected with local soccer for a good many years, both as a player but more conspicuously as a Councilor, said:

"Before I attempt to select these two teams, a most difficult problem, as it is hard to go back 10 years and compare the form

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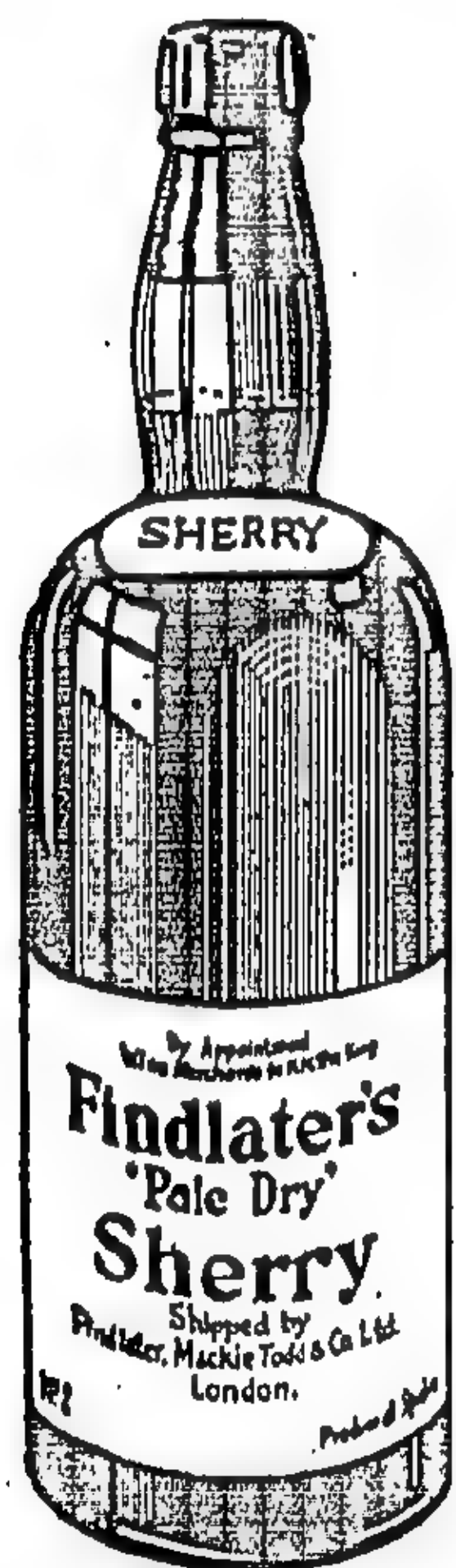
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England v Portugal In Local Soccer Series To-morrow

Pearson Playing Centre Instead Of Fowler

Keen Game Expected

The First Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football competition will commence to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 p.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground, when a fairly good England eleven will meet Portugal in what promises to be a most exciting encounter.

The Navy have supplied several players for the England team, Church, who played for the Senior Service last season, being included between the sticks, while Laisler, a fine constructive half-back, and Middleton, who was seen on the left-wing for the Navy juniors last week against the Sappers, in the Junior Shield series, will fill that berth to-morrow.

There is also a sprinkling of the Junior Service. Webster, of the Seafarths, and Chris Pile, who played together in the First Round of the Governor's Cup Competition, will again be paired in the full-back division, while the all-important centre-half berth has fallen to the lot of Bright, of the Middlesex.

CHANGE IN ATTACK
There is one change in the England attack from the original selection as Fowler is unable to play. His place will be filled by Pearson, who moves in from the wing berth, which will now be filled by Freshwater, of the Middlesex.

Howlett, of the Police, and Saw, of the Middlesex, will fill the inside-right and inside-left berths respectively, and should combine effectively with Pearson against

the Portuguese defence, which has not yet had an opportunity of playing much together.

P.S.A. PLAYERS OMITTED
Surprisingly enough, although the Portuguese Sporting Association have several very promising young players, the selectors have not seen fit to include any in the Portuguese team, while S. Souza, of Kowloon, has stood down at his own request.

The team is comprised entirely of St. Joseph's players with the possible exception of the centre-forward berth, which will probably be filled by Bertie Gosano, who arrived in the Colony last Friday, and who had previously intimated that he would be willing to play. In the event of him not turning out the Portuguese attack will be led by either V. Costa, who will move up from the full-back division, or N. Beltrao, captain of the team and present pivot.

YOUNG AND ENTHUSIASTIC
Portugal have a fairly young team of very enthusiastic and clever footballers, their forward line being a really dangerous combination. There is also considerable experience in the team, N. Beltrao, B. Gosano and C. F.

BIG CRICKET PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

One Junior League Encounter

There is a fairly heavy programme of representative and friendly cricket matches scheduled for to-morrow.

At Chater Road the H.K.C.C. and the Army will be featured in their Triangular Tournament encounter, while at Cox's Road the Kowloon Cricket Club will entertain the Royal Navy in their annual Christmas encounter.

At King's Park Recreation first and second elevens clash, while at the Valley the Craigengower Married Men will meet the Bachelors.

On the Navy ground, the Navy juniors will meet the K.C.C. in a Second Division League match, while at the Indian R.C., a H.K. Electric Intra-Company game will be held.

Remedios, former Shanghai skipper, being Interporters, while Ward and Costa have played in previous international matches.

N. Delgado, who generally fills the right-half berth, will be seen on the right-wing in place of T. Castilho, who is suffering from a pulled muscle in the right thigh.

The teams are:—
England:—Church (Navy); Webster (Seafarths) and C. Pile (Police); Laisler (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Blen (Kowloon); Freshwater (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Pearson (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).

Portugal:—B. Marques; V. Costa and D. Alves; C. Remedios, N. Beltrao (Capt.) and C. Marques; N. Delgado, A. Ward, B. Gosano, J. Gomes and T. Alves.

Best Hong Kong Football Teams

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of players over a period of five years at a time, I must say that, tactically, football in the Colony has improved within the last 10 years out of all recognition, although cleanliness in the game has often been conspicuous by its absence.

"I consider that clean football was at its best in the 1925 season when Hong Kong beat Shanghai in the Interport match in the Colony by 3 goals to 1.

"Getting down to the selection of the teams, for the 1925-30 eleven my choice for goalkeeper is undoubtedly Clarke, of the Police, although George Rodger ran him a very close second.

"Wynne was undoubtedly the best back we saw during that period, but the selection of a left-back is a difficult task as there were no really outstanding defenders other than Wynne. Bishop would be my choice, but I doubt whether he would have made an Interport team during the second period even though he was playing at the top of his form.

"Leung Yuk-tong was the best right-half in the Colony, but, like Bishop, was not exceptionally outstanding, while I preferred Sims to McKelvie at centre-half. Sims was an ideal pivot and held his line in a workmanlike manner. McKelvie was good, but never rose to the heights attained by Sims. Bristowe and Lam Yuk-ying were the two claimants for the left-half position, and of the two I considered the former the better.

Tso Kwai Shing Given Pride Of Place

"There are many here who would disagree with me, I know, but I consider that Tso Kwai Shing was the best right-winger we have had in the Colony for some time, and he is my choice for both periods, although Bertie Gosano is a strong candidate for the latter team. Tso's speed on the ball, deadly marksmanship and his ability to adapt his play to that of any inside forward made him an ideal winger, while he was never a selfish player.

"Eaton was the best inside-right, while my choice for the centre-forward position goes to L. Goldman, who, although he only played here in the one season, 1930, was a better leader than Gosano, being the brainier of the two.

"In considering the all-important centre-forward position one must consider the players' consistency, and in this respect it must

not be forgotten that Goldman, Lee Wai-tong and Collaco inflicted the biggest defeat on Hong Kong in the 1928 season, when the Northerners won by seven clear goals. I am sure we saw "A.V." at his best from 1931 onwards, and there were times when he reached really great heights as a leader.

"Lee Wai-tong was and is still the finest inside-left we have seen in Hong Kong, or China for that matter. He was never equalled as an inside-footballer, although Suen Kam-shun ran him a very close second.

"We have not had a great abundance of sound left-wingers in the Colony, but two stand out from the crowd—Macklesworth, of the East Surreys, in the former period and Ip Pak-wa, that peer of wingers, in the latter. I doubt whether these two were ever bettered, though Baldry and Hocquard, of the Lincolns, came very near to doing so.

Pau Ka Ping Ideal Goalkeeper

"In the latter period Pau Ka-ping is my idea of an ideal goalkeeper. Although he only came to the fore in one or two matches during this period, he was at his best during the All-China Olympic and European tour. It must also be considered that although George Rodger was still outstanding until he retired a short while ago, he was never as good as Pau at the latter's best.

I would, and for that matter all soccer enthusiasts in Hong Kong would, select Leo Tin-sang as the

finest right-back we have seen here, even rivalling the best day of Paddy Wynne. As a pair these two might have made a First Division team at home, as Lee was equally at home on the left. There can be only one partner for Lee in the latter period, MacGregor, of the Navy. The latter was a "class" player. His positioning, covering and fine head-work were outstanding features of performances not easily forgotten.

"Many would select Leung Wing-chiu, of South China, as the outstanding right-half in the Colony for the past four or five seasons, but my selection goes unhesitatingly to Taul Ah-fai, of the Athletic, probably the finest constructive player among Chinese halves. He was always where most in need and rarely wasted a pass.

Podmore Colony's Best Centre-Half

"Podmore was the best centre-half the Colony has seen in the pivotal position. Beltrao was always sound at his best, but was never as good as Podmore, whose magnificent spilling and feeding of his forwards played a great part in the South Wales Borderers' League Championship triumph in the 1933-34 season. Pardoe, of the Gunners, and also Interport captain, was a close runner-up, but never my ideal pivot.

"Leo Kwok-wai is another fine half-back and my choice for left-half. He has been consistently good at left-half, and has fitted in perfectly with many Colony combinations.

"In considering the forwards, there is a wealth of talent which one must wade through. Tso Kwai-shing or B. T. Gosang vie for honours on the right-wing, while nobody will argue with me that Fung King-cheong is not the man for the inside-right berth. He was a better man than Eaton, of the East Surreys, and is probably the finest scheming player we have seen in play in the East. A. V. Gosano and Lee Wai-tong fill the centre-forward and inside-left positions, while Ip Pak-wa, who has since retired from competitive soccer, is my choice as left-winger. Ip's speed, ball control, wonderful swerve on the ball and accuracy in centring made him the outstanding winger in play in China during the 1934-35 season. I have not yet seen a left-winger to touch any of his best performances," Mr. "Y" concluded.

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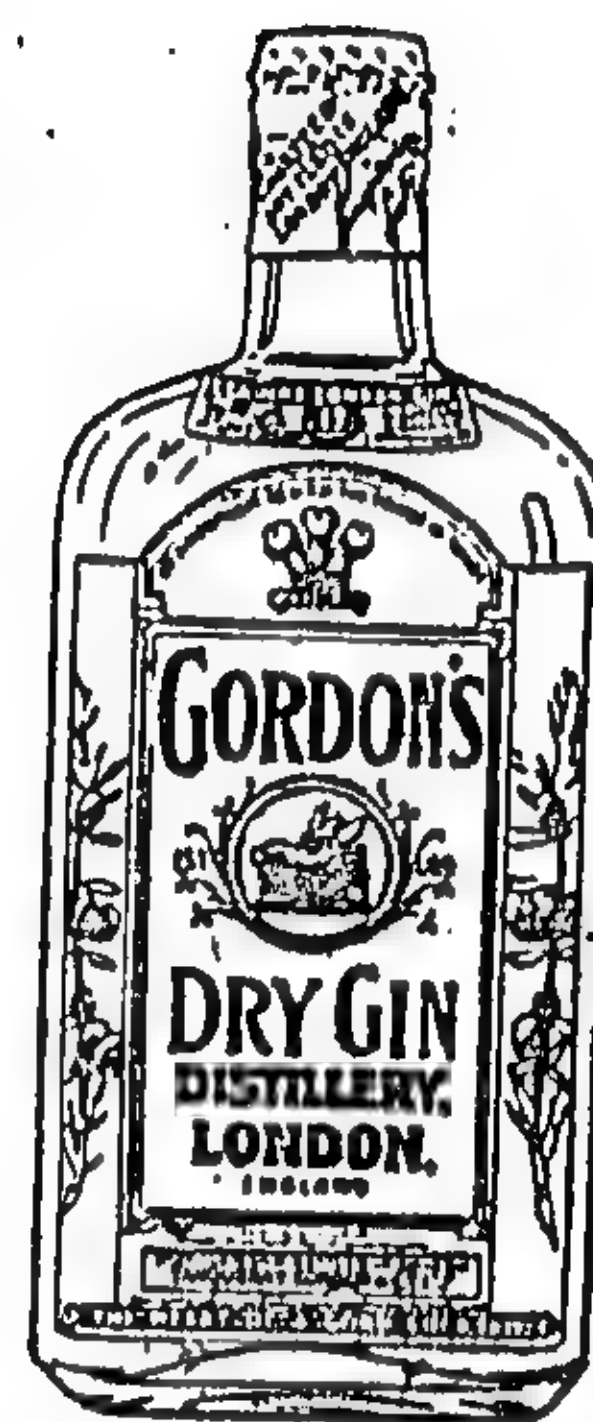
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Dance Macabre... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, arr. Glazounov).

Waltz (from 'The Sleeping Beauty' Ballet, Op. 66—Tchaikovsky)... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

'Caliph of Baghdad'—Overture (Weidlich)... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstieg.

Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne)... Orchestre Symphonique Du Lutein Wagram cond. by Fernand Heurtel.

Olive Friends—Pompourri (arr. Herman Finck)... Tom Jones & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Blut Du Bei Mir (Bach). Ave Maria (Schubert).

On Wings of Song (Heine-Mendelssohn).

Sphärenklänge (Knepler-J. Strauss, arr. Mittler).

1.50 p.m.—Schubert—Trio No. 1 in B Flat, Op. 99. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals (Instrumental Trio).

2.30 p.m.—Close down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—Beethoven—Quartet in G Sharp Minor, Op. 131. Played by the Busch Quartet.

7.40 p.m.—Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) Creation's Hymn (Gellert-Beethoven—Op. 48, No. 4).

I Love Thee (Herrmann-Beethoven). Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.

7.45 p.m.—Studio—Maria Barreto at Piano.

1. Nocturne in A Minor (Faure).

2. Concert Etude (Pierle).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—Relay of Linday A. LaFord at the Cathedral Organ with Eva Turner (Soprano) & Gaston d'Aquinio (Tenor).

1. Overture in D Minor (Handel—arr. Elgar-Ellingford)... Organ.

2. Every Valley (Messiah)—Handel... Organ.

3. Innumera from Sonata No. 6 (Rheinberger)... Organ.

4. Duet by Eva Turner and Gaston d'Aquinio.

5. Chorale Prelude 'Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele' (Karg-Elert)... Organ.

6. Solo by Eva Turner (Soprano).

7. Organ Concerto No. 2 in B Flat (Hummel)... Organ.

8.40 p.m.—B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Prelude 'The Kingdom,' Op. 51 (Elgar).

Overture 'Masaniello' (Auber).

9 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—Relay of the Regimental Band of the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, by kind permission of Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C. Conducted by Mr. E. G. Baker, A.R.C.M.

English Night.

1. March of the Peers from 'Iolanthe' (Sullivan).

2. Overture—'Vanity Fair' (Fletcher).

3. Two Cornet Solos: (a) Because (Guy D'Hardelot).

(b) 'The English Rose' (German) Soloist—L/Cpl. A. Meek.

4. Valse—'Nights of Gladness' (Ancliffe).

Interlude: Two songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Pret-Foot (Barran-McCall).

The Builder (Foley-Cadman).

5. Song 'The Lost Chord' (Sullivan).

6. Selection of English Melodies: 'The Rose' (Myddleton).

Garb of Auld Gaul.

Blue Bonnets over the Border.

Rule Britannia.

Scotland for Ever.

10 p.m.—Songs by John Brownlee (Baritone).

Serenade (Lockton & Ravin).

Senorita (Spillansky & Wimperis).

10.10 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

Vivienne (Finck).

Les Sylphides (Cassans, arr. Lotter).

Moonlight (Collins).

Childhood Memories (arr. Somers).

'Pater Pan' Selection (John Crook).

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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GERMANY'S
DEMANDS
FOR FUTURE

Paris, Yesterday.

The purpose of his journey to Germany and his impressions there are explained by the former French Premier, M. Flandin, in the "Paris Soir."

The purpose of the journey was, he declared, to become acquainted with the German point of view. Germany demanded return of her African Colonies. Lord Halifax had received precise explanations of the German point of view and the French Government had been informed about it in London.

The decision never to return to the League, announced by Germany's leading men, had to be considered as definite.

Regarding the general organization of peace in Europe, Germany was suggesting that a Franco-German Entente would be a much better instrument of peace and pacification than a reconstitution of the League Covenant, which had been a disappointing failure as far as practical application was concerned.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE

Germany was pointing out that French conception of the status quo was opposed by dynamic conception of historical development. Germany demanded that her vital interests would not be blocked by France. A Franco-German agreement would evidently be only a part of mutual confidence which could be guaranteed by agreement on armaments.

TAKOO CLUB
CHRISTMAS
TREE PARTY

Over 30 kiddies were entertained by the Takoo Recreation Club yesterday afternoon, when their annual Christmas Tree Party was held in the Badminton Hall.

The Hall was gayly decorated with colourful decorations and flags while at the far end of the hall was a Christmas Tree with toys and other presents suspended from the branches.

Numerous games were played during the afternoon an enjoyable time being spent by both young and old.

Mr. Stewart Hope, as Father Christmas, was the main attraction of the party, and the kiddies went "wild" when he appeared on the scene to distribute the toys which were purchased with careful study by Mrs. J. C. Polson during last week.

Miss Betty Pollock was at the piano.

Mr. C. H. Summers and his two daughters, Miss R. Summers and Miss J. Summers, were responsible for the Hall's decorations which contributed to the success of the function.

Whatever might be the outcome of the experiment, whether reconciliation of the various "axes" of feverishly arming Europe be possible or not, it should be borne in mind that quick action must be taken, M. Flandin concluded. — Trans-Ocean.

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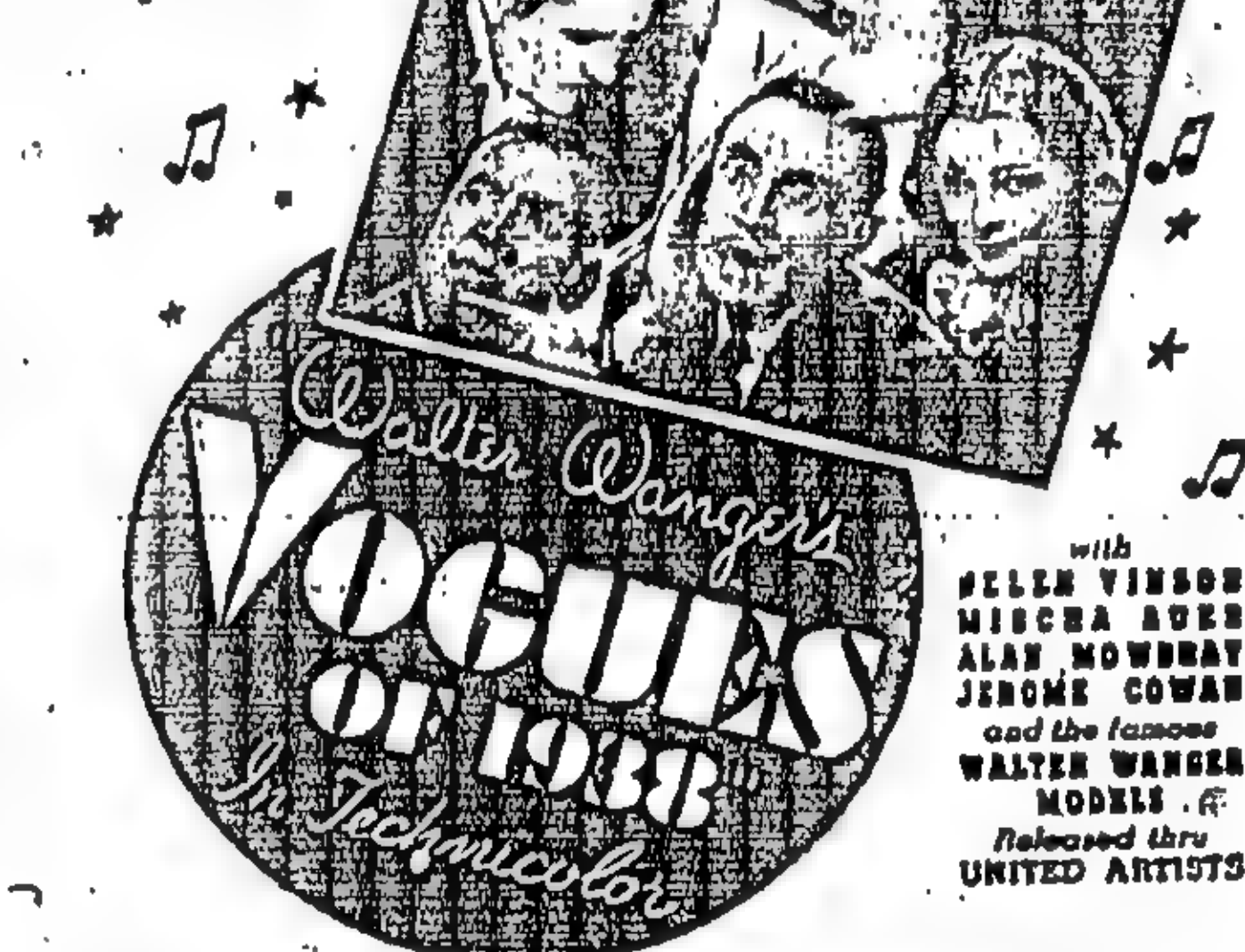
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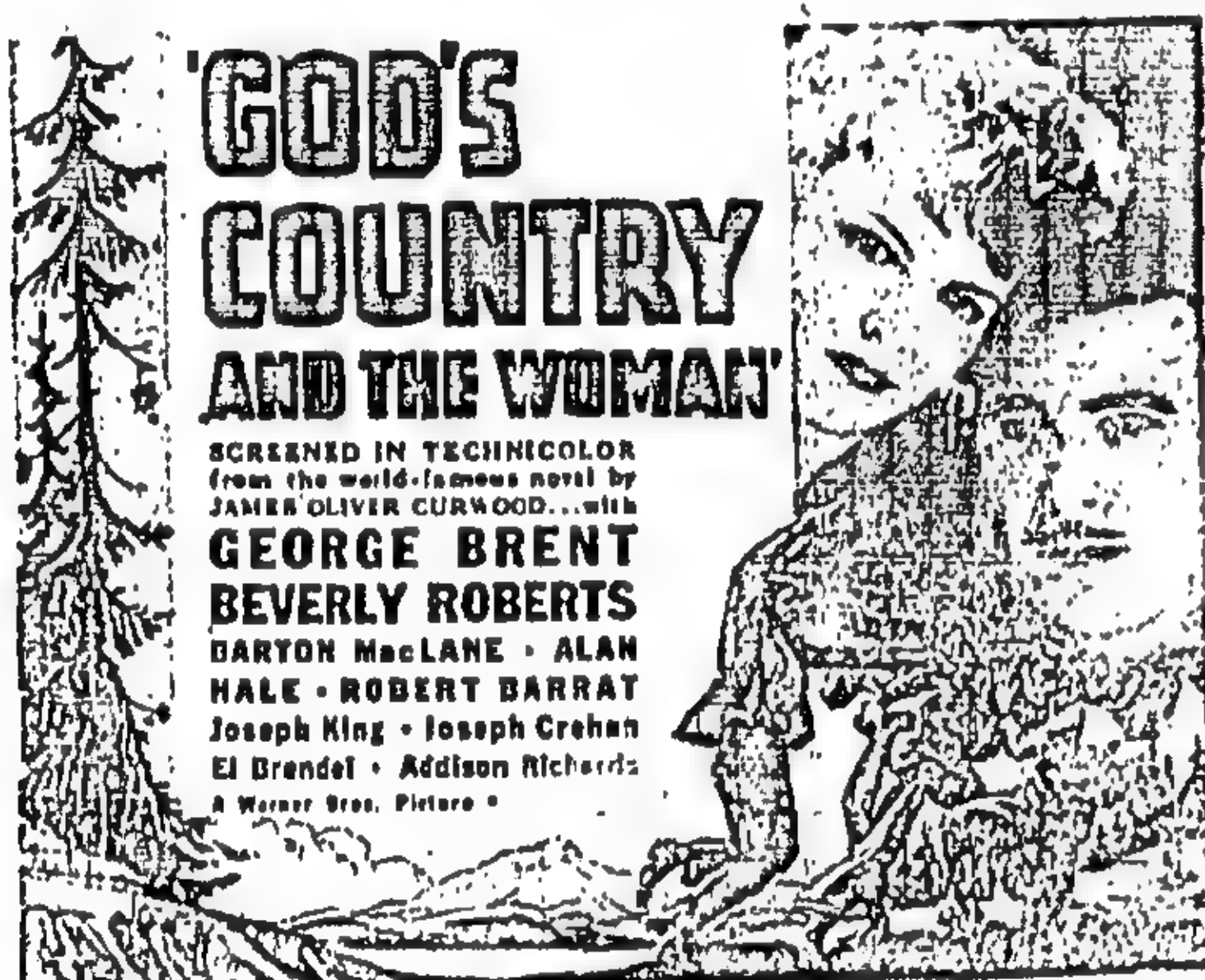
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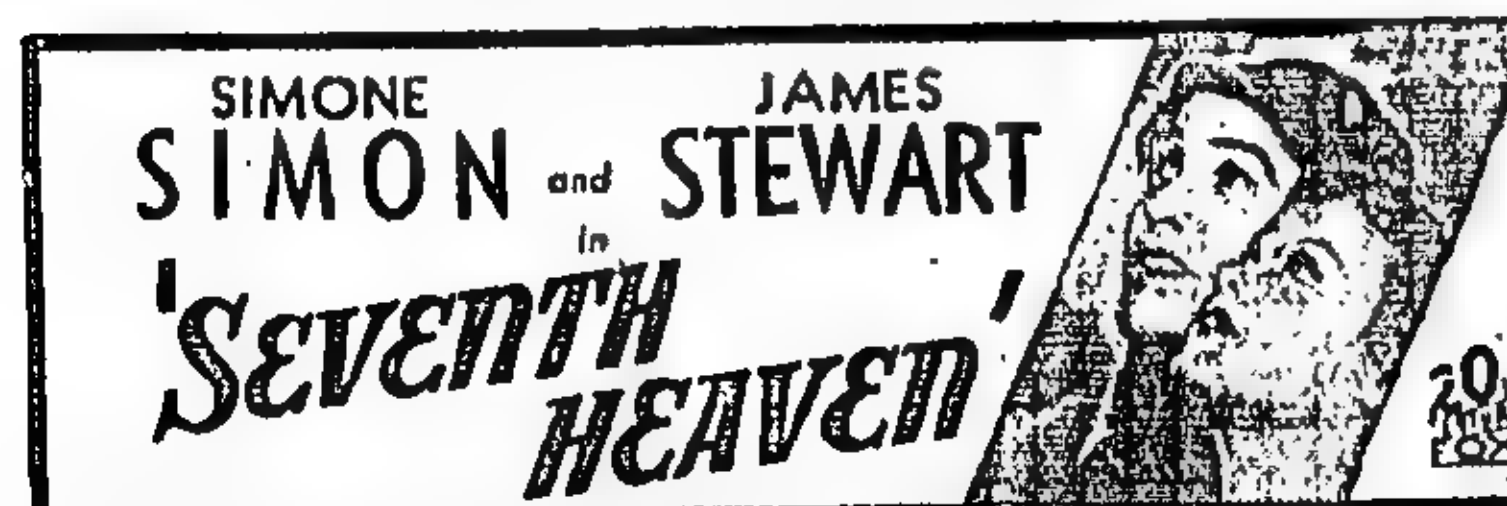
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FEDERATION OUTPLAY ASSOCIATION IN CHARITY SOCCER GAME

Spirit Of Christmas At Salvation Army Celebration

The true spirit of Christmas was evident at the Salvation Army Home, Duke Street, yesterday when their annual celebrations were held.

THE STRAINS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE LANDING OF THE HOME ON FRIDAY NIGHT SUNG BY ALL THE INMATES, STARTED THE PROCEEDINGS. YESTERDAY MORNING, A SHORT CHRISTMAS SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, ADJUTANT DOROTHY BRAZIER AND ADJUTANT DORIS LEMMON.

buted gifts from the Christmas Tree.

Santa Claus (The teacher, Miss Mary Shiu) first made "his" appearance on the roof at 10.00 a.m. and a few moments later, mysteriously appeared in the Garden. Followed by all the young folk, he entered the Hall and distributed gifts to the inmates.

SHANGHAI REFUGEES BID FAREWELL

One hundred and seventy nine refugees from Shanghai who had been given Government refuge at the old Laichikok Prison and at the old Central British School, left the Colony for Shanghai last night by the Lloyd Triestino steamer s.s. Conte Verde.

Originally 186 had booked passages, but seven who were ill, were refused passage by the Steamship Company, and have remained behind in the Colony together with about 30 other refugees, at the old Central British School quarters.

Cheerful scenes were witnessed on the Kowloon wharf late last night shortly before the vessel left for the North. Many friends of the refugees including men from H.M. Services were singing in chorus while everybody appeared to be in the best of spirits.

The 179 refugees are being accommodated between decks in double bunks and when they land in Shanghai it is surmised that those who are destitute will be catered for by the British Consular authorities.

girls sat down to a scrumptious repast in which they were heartily joined by the European officers, all past-masters at the noble art of chop-attack wielding.

DEMONSTRATION

Santa Claus again made an appearance at 4 p.m. this time with a bulging sack of presents. Later in the evening, a Christmas demonstration was given by the girls of the home at which were present many of the "Old Girls" who returned to join in the festivities.

At 9 p.m. Mr. D. O. Silva suitably made up, represented Santa in a final visit and brought to a successful conclusion the first really happy Christmas many of the girls had ever known.

RESCUED GIRL

Among the happy number was a little girl who only a few weeks ago had been cruelly burned all over her little body with hot iron-sticks by her adopted mother. Yesterday, it would have been difficult to recognise, in her, the forlorn creature who had stood in the witness-box at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

Grateful thanks are due to all who have assisted to make this little girl and many like her, happy over Christmas.

NEW YEAR GIFTS

Did you receive many unexpected presents? Many do, and feel that they should send a New Year gift in return. Well, here are two tips.

"Kynoch" Wool Scarves at \$5.50. Lanthier Perfumes in pretty gift boxes, from \$10.50 to \$35.00. Both suggestions can be secured from Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., and we may add that both are really practical gifts that would be appreciated by anyone.

Don't forget, Whiteway's have the selection you need.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling to-morrow:

OLD COURSE	
9.12 a.m.	G. H. Henry, Capt. Holmes
9.16	R. K. Valentine, S. H. Dodwell
9.20	T. R. Chancel, H. N. Williamson
9.24	S. J. H. Fox, D. S. Robb
9.28	G. T. May, F. C. Young
9.32	J. Stenersen, W. G. Robertson
9.36	E. Davidson, A. B. Raworth
9.40	C. Austin, J. L. Bonnar
9.44	K. K. Rounds, K. S. Morris
9.48	W. N. A. Smalley, R. L. D. Woodhouse
9.52	W. J. Dyer, R. K. Collings
9.56	Wing Cdr. Bishop, Count de Courcelles
10.00	J. H. M. Andrew, J. Leckie
10.04	S. J. H. Fox, D. S. Robb
10.08	M. G. Carruthers, R. Nelson
10.12	L. R. Cramer, I. H. Geare
10.16	Col. King, Col. Blake
10.20	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy
10.24	H. E. The Governor
10.28	G. H. McElroy, W. T. Yoxall
10.32	
NEW COURSE	
9.16 a.m.	Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Holmes
9.24	R. Ryde, G. H. Bell
9.32	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. C. I. Bowker
9.48	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Woodhouse
9.56	Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Collings
10.04	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy
10.12	A. E. & Mrs. Lissaman
10.20	Major & Mrs. McDonald
10.28	R. F. & Mrs. Winfield

BOYS OF NAVY ENTERTAINED

Through the courtesy and generosity of the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, nearly 100 boys from His Majesty's Ships in harbour, were entertained to a Christmas Dinner at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home last night.

After dinner the party adjourned to the Assembly Hall where several enjoyable hours were spent in community singing and the playing of games.

P.S.A. DANCE AT LUSITANO CLUB

The first annual dance of the Portuguese Sporting Association was held last night at the Club Lusitano where a large crowd danced to the strains of the Shanghai Melody Jazz Band.

CHINESE LADIES' FOOTBALL MATCH.

The proposal to play a ladies' football match prior to the charity game at Caroline Hill yesterday attracted quite a number of curly spectators, prepared to witness the unusual spectacle of ladies doing battle on the football field. They were disappointed, however, as it was not possible to arrange this feature. We are given to understand, however, that there will be a ladies' match on Sunday, January 9, further details of which will be announced later.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT U.S.R.C.

MISS GRIFFITHS BEATEN

The defeat of Miss Madge Griffiths, runner-up in the Colony Ladies' Singles Championship, by Mrs. Oliver in the outstanding result to date in the present U.S.R.C. Autumn tennis tournament.

Entries have been very good indeed this season. In the Men's Singles Championship, A. L. Sullivan, the holder, has already advanced to the Third Round, beating F. H. Stokes with the loss of a game in the First Round, and Paym. Comdr. Herbert, in the Second Round, with the loss of only three games.

G. E. R. Divett, a former finalist in the event, has entered the Second Round.

Miss Taylor, who is a member of the U.S.R.C. Mixed Doubles League team and who is favoured to go a long way in the Ladies' Singles Championship, is in the Second Round as the result of beating Mrs. J. P. Whitham in straight sets.

The following are the results to date:

MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP

First Round:
G. E. R. Divett and J. F. L. Smalley (—30) beat Capt. Pearson and Dr. J. T. Smalley (—3.0) 6-0, 6-2.
Lt. Coppinger and Lt. Langley (—15.5) beat Wing Comdr. Bishop and Major Richards (—15.5) 6-1, 6-2.
Lt. Cdr. Mills and Paym. Comdr. Herbert (—30) beat Fit. Lt. Shirley and Fit. Lt. Jenkins (—15.5) 6-2, 6-3.
Lt. Corbett and P. O. Lumsden (—30) beat P. O. Cooper and P. O. Allin (—15.4) 6-3, 7-5.
Lt. Cdr. Rump and Fit. Lt. Watt (—15.5) beat Lt. Sanderson and Lt. Woods (—30) 6-3, 6-0.
Capt. Loch and Lt. Tomlinson (—15.5) beat Lt. Cdr. Rump and Fit. Lt. Watt (—15.5) 3-6, 6-7, 6-3.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:
A. L. Sullivan (holder) beat F. H. Stokes 6-0, 6-0.
Paym. Comdr. Herbert beat Fit. Lt. Shirley 6-1, 6-0.
Fit. Lt. Watt beat Lt. Corbett 6-2, 6-4.
G. E. R. Divett beat Lt. Cdr. Rump 6-4, 6-2.
G. Polglase beat Lt. Cdr. Duvall 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
H. J. Armstrong beat P. O. Allin 6-4, 6-2.

Second Round:

A. L. Sullivan beat Paym. Comdr. Herbert 6-2, 6-0.
Lt. Cdr. Rump (—15.2) beat Lt. Cdr. Mills (—15.2) 6-2, 6-4.
F. H. Stokes (—15) beat Wing Cdr. Bishop (—15.5) 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
Lt. Woods (—30) beat Lt. Sanderson (—15.5) 6-1, 6-2.
Lt. Corbett (—15.5) beat J. F. L. Smalley (—30) 7-5, 6-3.
Capt. Mainey (—30) beat Major McDonald (—15.4) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Dr. J. T. Smalley (—3.0) beat Capt. Laurence (—15.2) 6-3, 6-0, 6-0.

Byes into 2nd Round:

Lt. Cdr. Rump (—15.2) beat G. Polglase (—15.4) 6-3, 6-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP

First Round:
Mrs. Holmes and Miss Griffiths (—30.3) beat Mrs. Gambler and Mrs. Billings (—3.0) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Stokes (—5.0) beat Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss Langley (—4.4) 6-1, 6-3.
Mrs. Heron and Miss Taylor (—15.4) beat Mrs. Walker and Miss Marmont (—15) 6-0, 6-4.
Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Oliver (—30) beat Mrs. Tancock and Mrs. Yates (—2.6) 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

Byes into 2nd Round:

Miss M. Griffiths (—30.3) beat Mrs. Thompson (—15.1) 6-2, 4-0 (retired).

First Round:

Mrs. Leonard (—15.1) beat Mrs. Tancock (—3.0) 6-2, 6-2.
Miss Taylor (—15.3) beat Miss Watts (4) 6-0, 6-1.
Miss Wingfield (—5.0) beat Miss Langley (—3.0) 6-4, 6-2.
Byes into 2nd Round:
Mrs. Austin (—3.0) beat Mrs. Burke (ret.) 6-2, 6-0.
Mrs. Holmes (—15.3) beat Mrs. Billings (—3.0) 6-0, 6-3, 6-0.
Third Round:
Mrs. Holmes (—15.3) beat Mrs. Austin (—3.0) 6-3, 6-3.

LADIES' SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:
Mrs. Shirley beat Miss Marmont

Losers Were Not At Full Strength

CHINESE HALVES IN BEST FORM

ULRICH EXCELS AFTER INDIFFERENT START

THE Hong Kong Football Association lost to the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation by 4 goals to 1 in yesterday's charity football match at Caroline Hill in aid of War Relief funds.

The Association did not field their strongest possible team in view of the International match to-morrow, and the seasonal festivities appeared to affect the play of one or two of those on view. Their opponents, on the other hand, had taken no chances in the construction of their side, and it was early apparent that the Federation would win comfortably, so much so that they opened the scoring inside the first minute's play.

COLONY MIXED DOUBLES FINAL TO-MORROW

Prize Distribution At C.R.C.

The Final of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship, under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, will be held on the Club's best court at Causeway Bay to-morrow, commencing at 3 p.m., when H. D. Rummah and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet the winners of the other semi-final tie between E. C. Finch and Miss Rose Perry, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett. The latter match will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club this morning, commencing at 11 a.m.

At the conclusion of to-morrow's Final, Mrs. S. W. Tao, wife of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, will present the Hong Kong trophies and distribute the C.R.C. prizes won during the year. The following are the C.R.C. winners:

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Winner: Lee Wai-long, runner-up: Taul Wai-pui (Challenge Cups presented by H. Sz-wing).

MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Winners: Li Tak-cheuk and Wong Shiu-wing, runner-up: Taul Wai-pui and W. C. Hung (Challenge Cups presented by Lo and Lo).

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES:

Winner: Leung Bing-chiu; runner-up: Leo Yue-wing.

Junior Singles Championship:

Winner: Ma Shiu-leung; runner-up: Yu Si-chun.

Members of the "A" and "B" Division League teams and the Mixed Doubles League, for 1938 season.

K.G.C. SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Kowloon Golf Club senior and junior championships will be further advanced to-day.

NO SOFTBALL FIXTURES

Owing to the rearrangement of the softball League fixtures at the meeting on December 20, there will be no games to-morrow, nor on New Year's Day.

R.H.K.Y.C. CRUISER RACE TO MACAO

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will hold a cruiser race to Macao to-day.

R. A. POLO CUP FINAL TO-MORROW

The final of the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Final will be held on the Polo ground, Boundary Street, commencing at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow.

1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Mrs. Wingfield beat Mrs. Ralston 6-0, 6-2.
Miss Taylor beat Mrs. J. P. Whitham 6-3, 6-2.
Mrs. Thompson beat Mrs. Stokes 6-0, 6-3.
Mrs. Holmes beat Mrs. Watts 6-3, 6-0.
Mrs. Walker beat Mrs. Rump 6-2, 6-0.
Mrs. Billings beat Mrs. Leonard 10-8, 6-0.
Mrs. Oliver beat Miss M. Griffiths 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL CLUB REORGANISE FOR GAME AGAINST SOUTH CHINA "B"

Juniors To Meet Rifles' Details

In spite of the fact that the Hong Kong Football Club are now occupying a low position in the First Division League table, their postponed League encounter against South China "B" to-morrow, on the Club ground, should be worth watching in view of the fact that the Club are fielding a reorganised team.

Prior to this game, the Club Junior team will meet the Details of the Royal Ulster Rifles, and as the latter will include several players who were seen with the champion team last year, this game should also prove attractive.

The Club senior team will be: L. D. Skinner; Nichols and Nogitzik; D. Hynes, J. Skinner and A. Wilson. Fisher, Stone, F. Fowler, Hill and Bickford.

South China "B", who have so far evaded defeat, though at times by the narrowest margin, will be fielding their best side as follows: Tam Kwong-kon, Chung Fai-lum and Lau Mau; Leung In-chan, Lam Tak-po and Chea Kam-hung; Yeung Shui-yick, Ng Po-kul, Chan Tak-fai, Tay Quee-lung and Leo Shek-yau.

Connor will be seen in goal for the Rifles' details, with Pickering at right-back, while MacGonnigal will be in the pivotal position. Ferguson will lead the attack.

The Club juniors are playing G. Milne, last season's captain, who will be seen at inside-right, in support of G. Duncan, otherwise the team is unchanged.

Soong Ling-sing, Lal Shiu-wing and Chan Tak-fai, and only good goalkeeping on the part of Rowlands prevented further scoring resulting from the same sources.

The Association asserted themselves after this and kept the Chinese defence fully employed, Leonard and Knox giving Tam Kwan-kon a warm time in goal. Lack of proper support in these attacks, however, constantly endangered the Association goal, a lightning move on the part of Soong Ling-sing or his henchmen causing many a scurry back into position to ward off a dangerous counter-attack.

KNOX SCORES

The Association persistence, however, was finally rewarded when Bickford dropped a lovely corner kick right at Knox's feet, and the centre drove it well and truly home.

What little solidity there was in the Association's resistance in the first half was noticeably lacking in the second, and it was not long before Chan Tak-fai increased the Federation's lead, heading in from a corner taken by Hau Ching-to, and though Leonard twice had extremely hard luck when he drove against the posts with Tam well beaten, the issue was placed beyond all doubt when Rowlands fumbled a close range shot from Hau Ching-to to bring the Federation tally to four.

H.K.F.A.—Rowlands (Kowloon); Hussain (St. Joseph's); Ulrich (Kowloon); Evans (Kowloon); Sherman (Navy); Wilson (Club); Freshwater (Middlesex); Leonard (St. Joseph's); Knox (Kowloon); McGuigan (Seaford); Bickford (Club).

H.K.C.A.A.F.—Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "A"); Mak Shui-hon (S. China "A"); Leo Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Lau Ling-choi (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern A.A.); Lau Wai-kee (S. China "A"); Chan Bing-to (Eastern A.A.); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Lal Shiu-wing (S. China "A"); Hau Ching-to (Eastern A.A.).

A. C. Beck, the former Club and Colony fast bowler, left the Colony last night for Manila by the m.v. Schamhorst after a brief visit here on his way back from home leave. He played quite a lot of cricket in England.

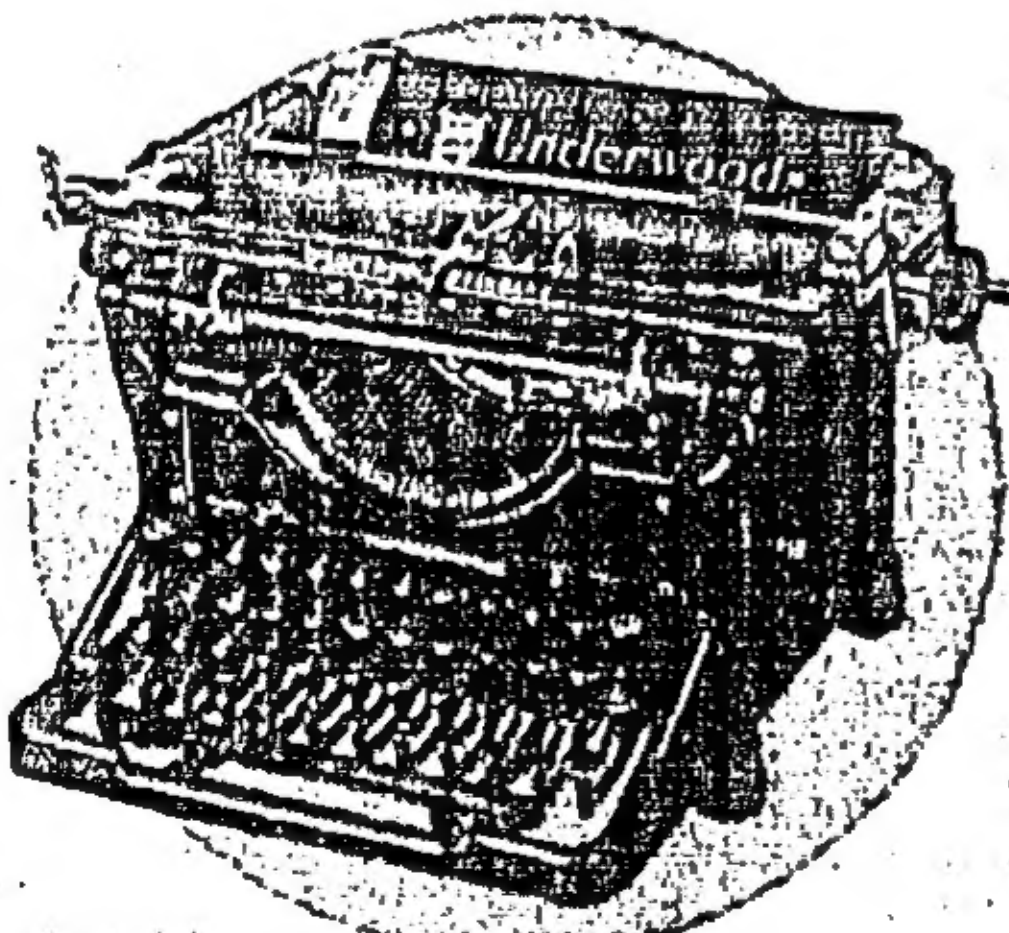
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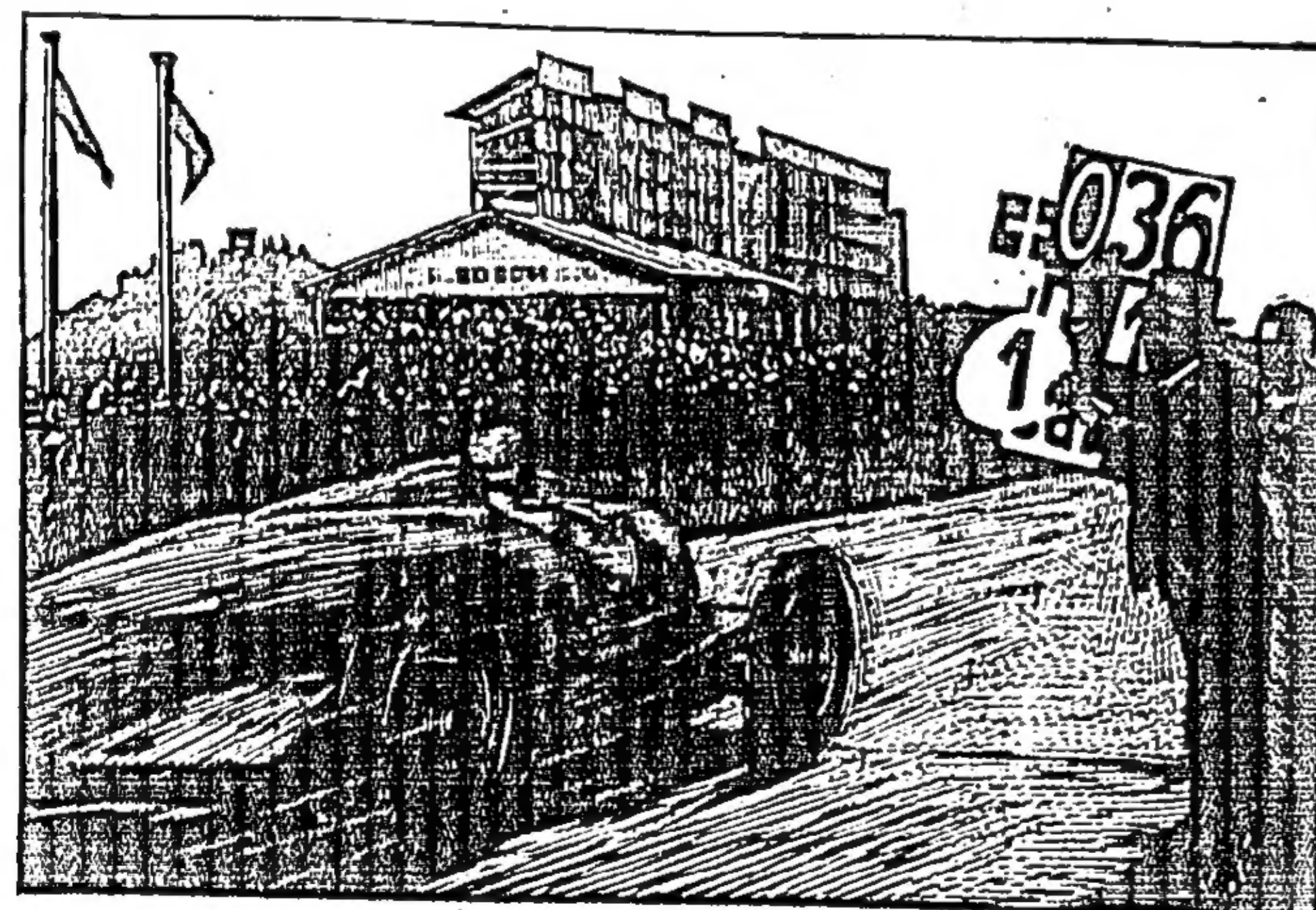
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SHORT STORY— About a Page of a Story on a dilapidated table of a deserted cottage

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I REALLY needed a companion for this adventure. It was not the kind of experience one should be expected to endure alone. But I am quite sure that if I had asked you to accompany me along a strip of isolated East Coast on that dull rainy day, and if you had had any inkling of how the walk was going to end, you would have refused.

Unless, that is, your nerves are a hundred per cent. better than mine—or you like having them torn to shreds.

My own nerves were in perfect condition when I started along the shore. I was, as a matter of fact, feeling peculiarly contented. I am one of those people who love the sense of impending happening so long as I receive no more than the sense, and there was ample impetus for my imaginative flights in the atmosphere around me. A brooding white mist was advancing slowly and sullenly from the sea on my left. It hung like a curtain, seeming to divide the security of the sand from elemental forces. The sand itself was deserted by all saving myself and a few uneasy gulls, though I remember I had an odd sensation that I was not alone—that I was treading in somebody else's invisible footprints. On my right a low crumbling cliff soon petered out into sand dunes and marram grass.

There was no rain at first. That came in about half an hour. I hoped it would stop, and when it did not I thought about returning. Probably I should have returned if a small cottage had not suddenly caught my eye.

"I'll try for shelter there," I decided "and perhaps, if I make myself very nice, I'll get a cup of tea."

But as I neared the cottage I realised that the cup of tea was a vain hope. Even the shelter seemed doubtful, for the cottage proved empty, and no one responded to my knocking.

I walked round to the back, while the rain increased and dripped down my neck. It was a derelict of a place. Not decent enough for a week-end cottage. Probably it belonged to some fisherman who had forgotten it. A peep through the front window had convinced me that it had not been lived in recently.

"Hallo! Here's a way in, if I want it!" I murmured, as my eye spotted a small broken window by a tub.

I hesitated. Advanced, bent across the tub, and peered into a dim and dusty space.

Now why I went in through that window I shall not attempt to explain. When you have heard the end of this story you may have your own theories. All I will say is that I may have been drawn in by the mere desire to escape a soaking—or by some other agency.

But I can tell you this quite definitely. Once I was inside, I wished myself anywhere else. I was standing in a small passage that led to the front room into which I had first peeped. The door was open, and I now saw the room from another angle. For an instant, though, I was not interested in the room. It was the floor of the passage that held my attention. In the accumulated dust of many weeks were—or so it seemed—the footprints I had been following.

The sea had washed them from the sands. Here they had remained, and they were directed towards the room.

"Anybody in?" I called, though I knew that no one was.

A gull above the roof answered me.

It's odd how one thing led to another. A glimpse of the cottage had prevented me from turning back along the beach. Now a glimpse of something else prevented me again from turning back. This time it was a sheet

of paper. Or, rather, a corner of the sheet.

It was on a small table in the room. A table not visible from the window. Like the footprints, the sheet of paper did not seem to "belong." I rather object to that overworked phrase, but it is expressive. Neither the footprints nor the sheet belonged to this cottage. They intruded on the alumber of decaying walls.

I went into the room, carefully avoiding the footprints that had preceded mine. The white paper had attracted my intense curiosity, which for the moment became greater than my fear. In fact, I was already calling the fear idiotic—as it really was, for nothing had happened yet—and determining to pay no more attention to it. "Be grateful for any roof in this weather," I instructed myself. "You're not a little child of two!"

The room was practically unfurnished. The footprints lost themselves on a threadbare carpet, but I felt I was following them to the little table on which lay the sheet of paper. An old chair was by the table. Carpet, table and chair might have brought in, in a sale. There was next to nothing else.

I looked at the paper. Then I looked closer. It was filled with small, neat writing, and the very first words arrested me. No, arrested is not the right term. It should be electrified. Because these were the words:

"Well, here he was, in the room, safe for the time being."

The Page That Was Missing

The problem of how to get out of it would arise later."

I wonder whether you can realise what I felt like when I read those words? They hit me bang in the solar plexus. I received a definite pang. Obviously I was not the "he" referred to, yet for a moment it seemed as though I were—as though the words had been written by the hand of some ghostly author. . . .

Author?

That was an idea. I read on:

"He stood perfectly still, listening. A faint throbbing came through the silence, weaving like a little pulse into the subdued sound-picture. Was it the throbbing of a ship's engine far out to sea? Was it the rhythm of an airplane? Did it come from the sea or the sky—or from just outside the cottage, where he most dreaded to hear sound?"

"It came from nearer still. It came from inside the room. Inside himself. It was his own heart beating."

I laid the paper down impatiently.

"This author's an idiot!" I thought. "Just stringing words together to work his readers up to fever pitch! 'Weaving like a little pulse into the subdued sound-picture! What a sentence! And then it being the blighter's own heart! As if you'd hear your heart—'"

A gust of wind blew against the chimney, and I heard my own.

I lit a cigarette—the familiar scratch and splutter of the match were very welcome—and made a perfect smoke-ring. This is one of my lesser accomplishments and I expect I wanted to impress this ridiculous

room with my prowess. I watched the ring floating away. It met a draught—I think from the passage, for the broken window was at the end of it—and was wafted towards the fireplace. I wondered whether it would be drawn up the chimney, but it was not.

Then I wandered leisurely round the room. I wasn't going to read any more of that nonsensical story. But as I stood at the window looking out at the drenching rain—the sea, mist was no longer white, but a heavy unbroken grey—I did allow myself to wonder who the author was, and how he had come to leave a page of a story on a dilapidated table in a deserted cottage.

"Why, of course! He came here especially to write it!"

The answer to the last part of my inquiry reached me obviously, out of nowhere. Naturally, the "he" in the tale was not myself, but the room was this room. If I went back on my decision and read a few lines more (of course, I knew all along I was going to!) I could soon prove that. The author had come to this cottage for local colour.

"Some authors do that sort of thing," I reflected. "I remember reading of some chap about a year ago—what was his name?—who climbed into a windmill to write a chapter of one of his morbid pot-boilers."

I'd read it in an interview. "So many authors"—he'd said something of 'this sort'—so

many authors make silly blunders and create impossible situations because they're too lazy to find out things for themselves. I had to see what the shadows of the moving sails looked like as they passed across the floor—and if they could."

Well—something in that. What was the author's name? . . .

I returned to the sheet on the table and picked it up again. I felt almost as though the author were asking me to. Perhaps I'd been a bit rough on him!

"... his own heart beating." (Well, I couldn't hear mine now, anyway!)

"Then he looked round cautiously. At any moment the chaos might be resumed, and he believed in knowing his territory. Suppose his pursuers tracked him to the beach? He believed he had given them the slip, but he could not be certain. Once on the sands they would find his footprints—what a fool he had been not to keep nearer to the sea's edge, where the advancing waves would wash them out!—and then they would follow the trail to the cottage. How should he escape next time?"

"The room did not offer much inspiration. It's only furniture was a chair and a small table—"

(That proved it was this room.)

"—and he could't hide under either of those. 'The chair may come in handy,' he thought, to crack against somebody's skull! Then another thought occurred to him. 'Tub! What about the tub? Yes, yes, that was an idea! What about the tub?'"

(Of course, this was awful

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Alternatives For Pacifists



The Conquest of Violence, by Bart de Ligt (Routledge, 7s. 6d.)

BART DE LIGT, the Dutch "Pacifist Revolutionary Socialist," has written a book (with an introduction by Aldous Huxley) which attempts to indicate how non-violent methods of defence against violence can be made effective. To know how that can be done should certainly appeal to a large section of the earth's population at this juncture.

It should appeal to the Chinese, whose sleeping and inoffensive cities are being blown to pieces by Japanese invaders; to the Abyssinians, who were learning yesterday what it was to be flayed alive with poison gas; to the Basques, who have doubtless asked a good many times what they have done

to Italy and Germany that the bombs and machine-guns of those nations should massacre the civilians of Spanish cities—to mention only a few cases of the weak who have suffered from the strong, and not to mention the many more who fear that they may be victims tomorrow.

To reveal the technique of successful non-military resistance to military aggression would be today a service beyond all price, and would be welcomed by non-Pacifists as by Pacifists. A clear demonstration of how military aggression, whether that of a Fascist Party within the State seizing a Liberal or Socialist Government ("a la Franco," or that involved in invasions like those of China, Abyssinia, or Spain, could be brought to naught by non-violent means, would rejoice the heart of every democrat in the world.

It is to be feared that this book won't help very much. Indeed, the major part of the book does not concern itself with the technique of non-violent means of resistance to violence, but with passionate indictment of the behaviour of Europeans in their relations with coloured peoples, of colonialism generally, of imperialism, of the bourgeoisie, of the League of Nations, Geneva, "Bourgeois Pacifism," Capitalism, indeed, of all or

ganised society (including that of Soviet Russia) as it now exists.

The author is just as much opposed to Stalin, from whom the Russian people must free themselves, abolishing the State ("true Communism cannot be reconciled with the State") as he was to Wilson ("an official representative of imperialism"). The world as we know it has to be repudiated and reorganised throughout the State.

All of which in some ultimate sense may be true. But apart from the fact that this verbal violence and invective does not somehow seem to be a good moral preparation for a non-violent world, it does not really indicate at what point we are to begin these vast world changes. Least of all does it indicate anything new in the techni-

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que of mass non-resistance or non-violent resistance as an effective weapon against military aggression.

The author tells us that the nature of the capitalist, military and imperialist States of to-day is such that they can never be trusted to use economic sanctions. Indeed, he goes further and tells us that the whole idea of imposing sanctions is out of date; that what we should have done in 1935 was to ask the support of the Italian people against the Italian Government (so simple!) and not to deprive them of food.

But he also goes on to urge a universal general strike as a means of stopping war, which even if feasible would certainly mean starving a good many workers.

Every competent Trade Unionist knows that strikes mean the suffering of women and children, and honestly faces the fact.

Although there is to be an international general strike in the event of war we are not "either by boy-

cott or absolute blockade to cut off

a people from the rest of humanity because it goes to war, even if this people, deceived by its government and religious leaders, participates in so frankly an imperialist enterprise." To do one without the other will need some skilful organisation.

The whole problem of non-resistance has been altered this last 20 years by the emergence of Fascism. If we could imagine a Labour Party pledged to the disbanding of the army and navy coming to power, the first thing we should have to face would not be foreign invasion; it would be seizure of the Government by an armed Fascist Party.

What would a Pacifist Government do? Use the army to defend the Constitution against the Fascists? Then it would be showing itself ready to kill Englishmen but not foreigners. If it did not defend the Constitution, did not resist the Fascists, they would seize the Government, send all Pacifists to Concentration Camps, take over the Press, the radio, the schools, train (quite successfully) every child in the country to loathe Pacifists and take pride in war. And that would be the end of Pacifism—and the beginning of a new dark age which might last as long as the last.

Books like this do not, in fact, address themselves to the urgent problem: What is the next step, the one we can take now, defective as it may be, to arrest the march of evil?

Agreeing that if you had to choose between Lansbury and Lord Beaverbrook, you would vote for Lansbury; agreeing, if you will, that if you had to choose between Lansbury and Dalton you would choose Lansbury, what would you do if that were not really the choice at all (which it is not), but were compelled (as you are) to choose between Dalton and Beaverbrook?

Even the Early Christian Pacifist finds himself confronted with what is, broadly speaking, that choice. What is he to decide? Particularly, what is he to decide if abstention means the victory of the Beaverbrook? One might suggest that his duty then is to see that the best is not made the enemy of the better.

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stush! But the stush had got me.)

"He listened. Good! Nothing! He crept out of the room and along the dim little passage to the back window. The tub was just outside. He'd had to lean across it to break the window. You understand, he had not worked out anything. He was just a man with a numb mind, trying to keep it numb lest it should become demented. He wanted to examine the tub for its possibilities—or impossibilities."

(What was happening to the words on the sheet? A shadow seemed to have descended on them, making them harder to read. I twisted round suddenly. It was just the clouds, or the mist, thickening and increasing the darkness.)

"My God! The words escaped his parched lips an agonised mutter. Somebody was outside the broken window!

"Bending low, he retreated into the room. He was sure this time that he had heard a sound that was not the sea or the wind, or his own heart beating. A soft, perching sound, like some one creeping.

"He struggled against panic. The brief respite was over. He had been traced to the beach, and his footprints had given him away.

"Well, he wouldn't given up! He wasn't the sort to give up! He'd cheat them yet! There was another window! Still keeping low, he stole across the floor to the window of the room. A gull

uttered a plaintive note above the roof. He envied the gull for its wings while he swore at it for its voice. He merely had his legs. And they were very tired.

"Any good trying to break the glass quietly?" he wondered. "No, they'd be bound to hear and it would waste time. Smash—leap through—and run!"

"A moment later his heart almost stopped beating. There were sounds out side this window, too!

"He was trapped. He backed to the chair. He seized it."

(I was sitting on the chair. I almost felt him seizing it from under me.)

"Well, he'd make fight of it, anyway!

"And then, in a blinding flash, as often happens when all hope seems lost, he discovered his means of escape. His eyes fell on the fireplace. On the large, old-fashioned fireplace, with its great, presiding cavity! The chimney! . . ."

That was all. The last words on the sheet seemed to fade out in the gathering darkness.

Yes—but could he do it?

The question filled the room like a booming whisper. Was it my whisper? Or was it some body else's? Then, suddenly, I felt sick, and the blood in my legs turned to water. The name of the author had come to me—in the form of a newspaper headline.

I just managed to totter to the chimney and look up. It was blocked by a wedged body. A fortnight previously, the author of an unfinished novel had been reported missing.

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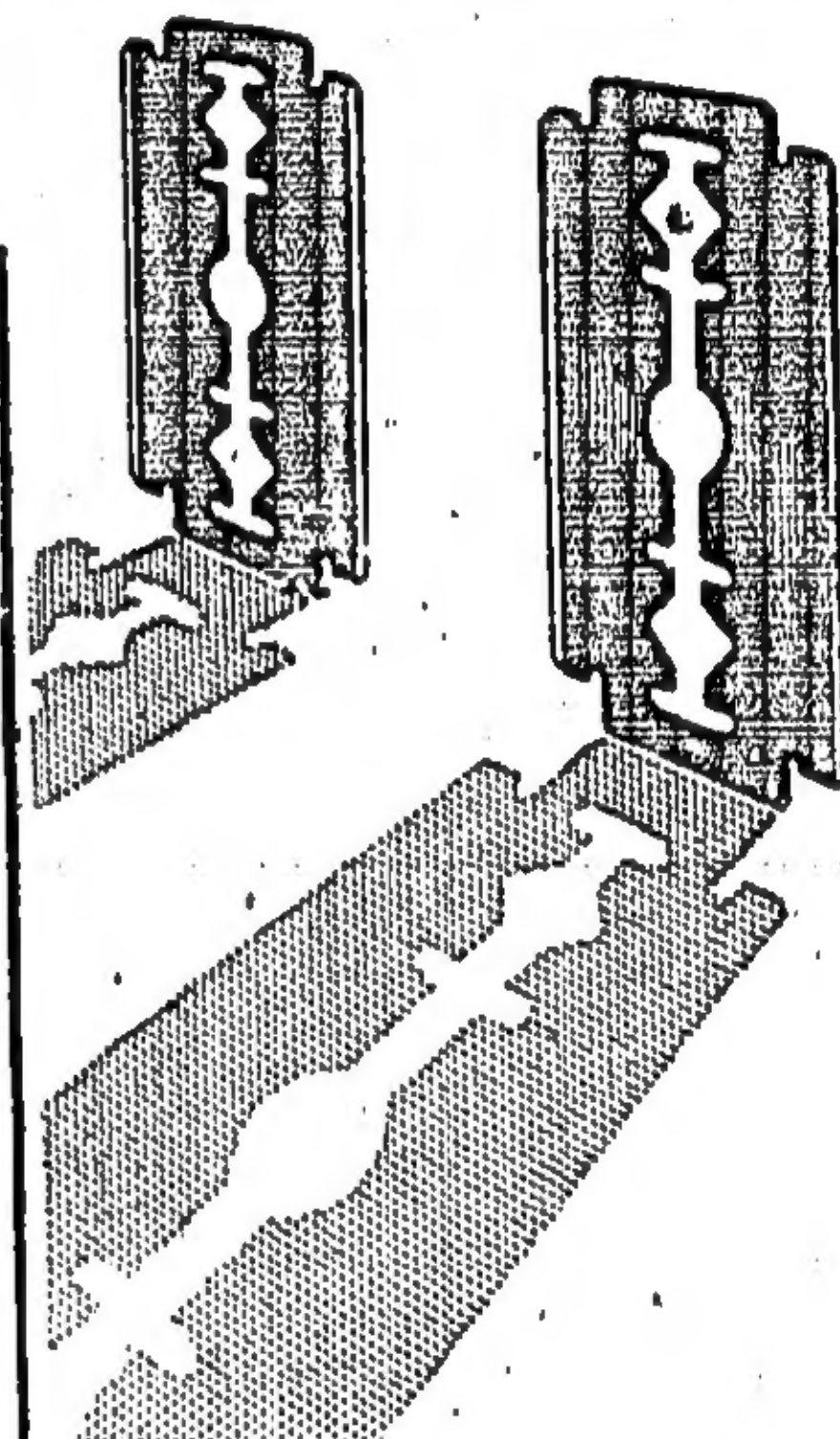


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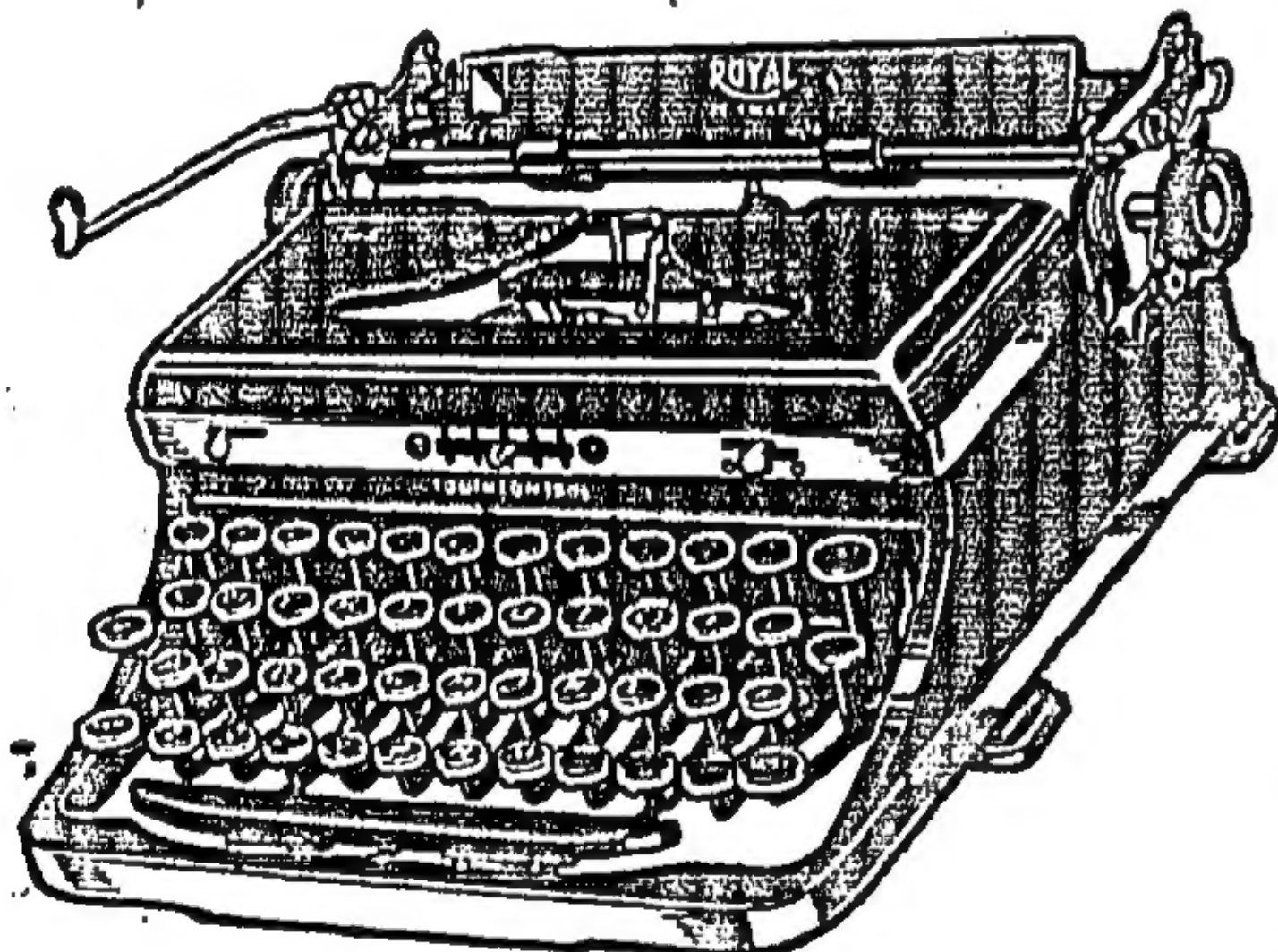
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The King, who appeared much moved, said:

"Many of you will remember Christmas broadcasts of former years when my father spoke to his people at home and overseas as the revered head of a great family.

"His words brought happiness into the homes and into the hearts of his listeners all over the world.

"I cannot aspire to take his place, nor do I think you would wish me to carry on unvaried the tradition so personal to him, but on this first Christmas since our Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to send to you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you gave us from every quarter of the Empire during this unforgettable year.

"We have to promise to try to be worthy of your trust, and this is a pledge we shall always keep.

"As we look back on the year now closing, we see over parts of the world, shadows of enmity and fear, but let us turn to the message that Christmas brings of peace and goodwill.

"Let us see to it that this spirit will, in the end, prevail, and everyone of us can help by making that immortal message the key-stone of our daily lives.

"And so, to all of you, whether you be at home among your families, as we are, or in hospitals, or at your posts carrying out duties that cannot be left undone, we send our Christmas greeting, and wish you, under God's blessing, health and prosperity in the years that lie ahead."

BLOODY STRUGGLE FOR TERUEL NOT YET OVER

Paris, Yesterday.

The whole of Nationalist Spain has been watching the bloody struggle for Teruel with breathless attention, and the battle is compared with that for the historic Toledo Alcazar earlier in the civil war.

It seems that a body of Nationalist troops is still holding out in the town, to relief of which the strong column under General Aranda is fighting its way.

Madrid reports state that Spanish Republican Ministers and Generals have exchanged congratulatory telegrams over the fall of Teruel, where the Government claims to be undisputed master.

General Aranda's column, it is claimed, has been almost annihilated and his encircling movement to have failed.—Trans-Ocean.

400 PRISONERS

Barcelona, Yesterday.
More than 400 insurgent soldiers were taken prisoner during the battle for Teruel, says an official communique.—Trans-Ocean.

ISOLATED RESISTANCE

Barcelona, Yesterday.
The Spanish Government has declared that only isolated resistance was being offered by the Insurgents in the Teruel sector. The snowy weather was delaying the arrival of insurgent reinforcements.

The Insurgents admit that certain parts of Teruel were occu-

pled by the Government but state that the Government is still fighting bravely.—Reuter.

SHENSI BORDER ACTIVITY: TOKYO WARNING

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Troops from Outer Mongolia, estimated to exceed 50,000, under Russian officers, and equipped with tanks, armoured cars and aeroplanes, are reported by the Japanese intelligence service to be moving towards the N.W. border of Shensi province.

The Japanese High Command views the movement serious and in an official statement to-day declared that entry into Chinese territory can have only the gravest consequences.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE IN PEKING ROAD SCENE

Following a scene in Peking Road yesterday evening, two Japanese residents were taken into custody by the Police and a charge framed against them, of being drunk and disorderly.

The men were
Yutaka Kowada, 32, proprietor of the Mikado Yokoi Japanese Curio Store, No. 45, Peking Road, and
Akira Masuda, 23, an employee of the firm.

It is alleged that both were guilty of behaviour which attracted a large crowd to the vicinity. An attempt was made to quieten them down, whereupon, it is alleged, both obtained sticks and beat their way out of a press of people until the arrival of Sergt. Estall, on patrol duty, who arrested both.

According to eye-witnesses, both refused to budge and it was only with the aid of several bystanders, including Tommies, that the two men were taken to the Water Police Station.

NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR REACHES SIANFU

HANKOW, YESTERDAY.

THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, M. LUGANETSOVSKY, IS EXPECTED AT SIANFU TO-DAY FROM LANCHOW, SAYS AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Ambassador is en route to Hankow but will proceed shortly to Chungking to present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government.

Officials of the Soviet Embassy have already arrived at Chungking from Hankow to make arrangements for establishment at Chungking of the Embassy offices.

YELLOW RIVER CROSSED: NEW JAPANESE OPERATIONS

Hankow, Yesterday.

It has been confirmed that the Japanese crossed the Yellow River in northern Shantung and have reached Chowtsun, a station on the Kiaocho-Tsinanfu Railway, 180 miles from Tsingtao.

The Japanese crossed the river on Thursday in the vicinity of Putai and Huming, and landed at Tsingtschong.

After capturing Tsingchen, the Japanese advanced along two routes, one towards Chowtsun, heading for Tsingtao, and the other westwards towards Tsinanfu.—Reuter.

RAILWAY VALUE

Hankow, Yesterday.

Well-informed Chinese circles believe that the Japanese intend shortly to launch large-scale operations in Shantung.

The Japanese are reliably reported to be moving troops from the Peiping-Hankow Railway front, in Shansi, and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, and are also sending troops by sea for an attack on Tsingtao.

The Japanese are believed to be anxious to secure mastery of the whole of Shantung, and full control of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, as this would enable them to operate railway traffic between Peiping and Shanghai.

The Japanese would, at the same time, gain control of the important ports of Tsingtao, Chefoo and Haichow.—Reuter.

SPAIN ARMISTICE TALK REVIVED

Paris, Yesterday.

Rumours are again circulating in Hendaye to the effect that negotiations are going on between semi-official French representatives and the Franco and Republican Spanish authorities for conclusion of an armistice in the civil war.—Trans-Ocean.

Hankow, Yesterday.

The level of the Yangtze at Hankow is steadily falling.

The river was 14 feet 6 inches lower to-day than it was at the same time last year.

The Jardine's steamer "Kiang-wo," which was on her way to Ichang from Hankow, has run aground half way between the two ports, and the steamer "Kwall" has gone to her assistance.—Reuter.

EIGHT FOR CELTIC

MANY GAMES
ABANDONED OR
POSTPONED

COVENTRY LOSE

London, Yesterday.

The following are the results of home football matches played to-day.

FIRST DIVISION		
Blackpool	2 Arsenal	1
*Bolton	2 Derby	0
*Chelsea	1 Charlton	1
Grimby	1 Stoke	6
Leeds	5 Middlesbrough	3
Leicester	3 Everton	1
*Liverpool	0 Birmingham	0
Manchester C.	0 Brentford	2
Portsmouth	3 Preston	2
Sunderland	2 Huddersfield	1
*Wolves	West Brom.	
* abandoned after 37 minutes play.		
† abandoned after 61 minutes play.		
‡ abandoned after 7 minutes play.		
§ postponed.		

SECOND DIVISION		
*Aston Villa	3 Bradford	
Blackburn	3 Chesterfield	3
Burnley	1 Fulham	0
Bury	1 Tottenham	2
Luton	4 Barnsley	0
Newcastle	0 Stockport	0
*Notts. F.	3 Manchester U.	
Plymouth	2 Wednesday	4
Sheffield U.	3 Coventry	2
Southampton	1 Swansea	1
*West Ham	3 Norwich	
* Postponed.		

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)		
Bournemouth	0 Torquay	0
Bristol R.	5 Walsall	2
*Clapton O.	3 Brighton	
*Crystal P.	1 Exeter	
*Gillingham	1 Notts C.	0
Mansfield	3 Cardiff	0
*Millwall	3 Aldershot	
*Northampton	3 Bristol C.	
Queen's Park	1 Southend	0
Reading	2 Swindon	1
Watford	3 Newport	0
* Postponed.		
† Abandoned after 37 minutes play.		

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)		
Barrow	0 Wrexham	1
Bradford C.	1 Tranmere	3
Carlisle	2 Doncaster	2
Chester	2 Rotherham	3
Darlington	1 Hull	3
Gateshead	2 York	2
Hartlepool	2 Crewe	2
*New Brighton	0 Oldham	0
*Port Vale	0 Lincoln	
Rochdale	0 Accrington	1
Southport	2 Halifax	2
* Postponed.		
† Abandoned at half-time.		

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION		
Ayr	0 Arbroath	1
Celtic	8 Kilmarnock	0
Dundee	2 Morton	2
Falkirk	2 Queen's Park	0
Hibernian	1 Hamilton	1
Motherwell	6 Queen O's	1
Partick	3 Aberdeen	1
St. Johnstone	1 Rangers	5
St. Mirren	6 Olydo	1
Third Lanark	3 Hearts	0

SECOND DIVISION		
Airdrie	4 Edinburgh	2
Alloa	0 St. Bernard's	1
Brochin	0 Dunfermline	4
Cowdenbeath	2 Albion	3
Dundee	4 Raith Rovers	4
East Fife	4 King's Park	0
Forfar	6 East Stirling	0
Leith	3 Montrose	2
Stenmuir	4 Dumbarton	2

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

ISAKO CIRCUS MATINEES COMMENCE AT 5 P.M.

The time for Matinees at Isako's Circus is 5 p.m. and not 4 p.m. as advertised on Page 18.

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